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Russia Vows to Prop Plunging Ruble

By Richard W. Stevenson

New York Times Service MOSCOW - With its credibility and its hopes for economic stability increasingly on the line, the Russian govern-ment said Tuesday night that it would step in to bolster the value of its plunging CHITCHCY.

After watching passively as the ruble's monthlong decline turned into a near rout Tuesday — the currency lost more than one-fifth of its value — the government reasserted its determination to keep inflation under control and promised to try to calm the financial markets. The dive in the ruble was largely the result of currency speculators selling waves of rubles rather than any funda-

But it came amid questions about the government's ability to continue a tricky economic balancing act: between reducing inflation and government spending by reining in subsidies to ailing factories, mines and farms, and avoiding widespread unemployment and potential political and social unrest that such cuts

The plunge in the ruble increases the threat of inflation, primarily by making imported goods more expensive. Inflation had fallen to less than 5 percent a month over the summer, but has since risen to around 8 percent a month.

In its announcement Tuesday night, the government said it intends to pass a budget for 1995 that will be anti-infla-

The rise in inflation was the initial impetus for currency dealers to sell rubles and buy dollars. But the ruble's sharp decline over the past few days has had more to do with the central bank's decision not to sell its reserves of dollars to buy rubles and prop up the Russian currency's value. Seeing that the central bank would not act, speculators sold rubles Tuesday and bought dollars with abandon, knowing there was almost nothing to check the ruble's decline.

In an attempt to end the ruble's plunge, the government said the central bank would begin buying rubles more actively on Wednesday. It also said it would increase short-term interest rates, to 170 percent from 130 percent, to make

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U.S. Wants Weapons Ban For Zone in Southern Iraq

By Paul F. Horvitz International Herald Tribune

WASHINGTON - Sensing an Iraqi retreat, the United States argued Tuesday for a demilitarized zone inside southern Iraq to prevent Baghdad from threatening its neighbors and pinning down U.S. troops in a costly, indefinite deployment.

American officials, meantine, escalated their threats escalated

their threats against the government of President Saddam Hussein, repeating publicly that the United States was considering a preemptive strike to destroy or damage Iraq's military force near its border with Kuwait.

Baghdad said Monday that it was pulling back its troops near Kuwait. At mid-day Tuesday — dusk in Iraq — the chair-man of the U.S. Joint Chiefs of Staff, General John M. Shalikashvili, said the latest U.S. intelligence showed that Iraqi troops were breaking camp but had not yet turned north, away from Kuwait. "I am not at all prepared to say yet that

the crisis is over in any way," the general said at a briefing. The American buildup will continue, he added.

Iraqi officials had insisted in Baghdad, New York and Washington that their deployment near Kuwait had ended and that nearly all those forces — estimated by the

numbers of top-grade Iraqi armor moving northward Tuesday. While some T-72 tanks were moving southward, Reuters said, the majority were headed away from the Kuwaiti border.

President Bill Clinton, on a trip to Michigan, said that he was "hopeful" that Iraqi troops were withdrawing but that it was too soon to reach a final conclusion.

An Iraqi official said Russian and Chinese military attachés had been escorted to the southern city of Basra to confirm the withdrawal. The Russian president, Boris N. Yeltsin, sent a diplomatic team to Iraq and Kuwait.

General Shalikashvili said that 19,000 U.S. troops were in the Gulf, that 44,500 more were on their way and that 156,000 others were on alert. He said 12 U.S. warships and five allied warships were in the region and that 21 others were on the way, In addition, he said, 200 U.S. warplanes and 52 allied warplanes were in the Gulf, 467 more were being deployed and 196 others were on alert.

In a further sign of U.S. pressure, the chief U.S. delegate at the United Nations,

Pentagon at approaching 80,000 — had withdrawn by early Tuesday.

Madeleine K. Albright, said that Mr. Saddam had "absolutely" killed any possibili-In addition, the news agency Reuters ty that the United Nations would ease said one of its reporters had seen large sanctions on Iraq while he remained in power. "The sanctions resolutions are based on verifying credibility," she said, "and when somebody lies, it is very hard to make that point,"

The removal of sanctions, and UN approval to sell oil, has been Iraq's most critical diplomatic goal since the end of the Gulf War. Nizar Hamdoon, Iraq's delegate at the UN, said Tuesday that Iraq would continue to "fight diplomatically" to show that the Iraqis were starving because of the sanctions.

From all appearances, U.S. policymakers have decided that the crisis provides an opportunity to tighten the economic and military noose around the Iraqi regime in the hope of achieving a long-held U.S. goal, the overthrow of Mr. Saddam.

The U.S. diplomatic effort to create a new demilitarized zone was to be pursued later Tuesday at a meeting of the five permanent members of the UN Security Council in New York.

"It's obviously one of the big issues to be discussed," a U.S. aide said, while caution-

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Officials Hedge on First-Strike Option

By Joseph Fitchett

PARIS - If Iraqi forces seemed on the point of attacking Kuwait, would the Unit-ed States launch a preemptive military strike? Could an attack on Iraq convince Saddam Hussein of the weakness of his position and deter war?

Washington has been deliberately ambiguous about this possibility, publicly leaving the impression that the United States considers it an option.

Realistically, however, the idea is a nonstarter for the Clinton administration, according to U.S. and European officials. Although they declined to say anything that might inhibit U.S. action, they made clear Tuesday their belief that U.S. reinforcements could defend Kuwait at this juncture without firing the first shot.

"I've heard it discussed," a Pentagon

source said, "but I think this administration's instincts drive it the other way, toward a more cautious treatment of any crisis.

While easy enough militarily, a preemptive strike could expose the United States to accusations of starting a war unneces-

Even such an unpopular regime as Baghdad's might manage to exploit a U.S. initiative to weaken international support for United Nations sanctions on Iraq.

"It might actually play into Saddam's hands," a French official said, "because it would not significantly worsen his military position and could help people argue Iraq is victimized by the United States, includ-

ing on sanctions." " By striking first, the Ginton administration could hope to minimize American

casualties. But it would only offer tempo-

Israel has created such a security zone along its northern border, using surrogate forces of anti-Palestinian Lebanese. But Washington has shown no inclination to create a similar area in Iraq by, for example, arming Iraqi opposition forces to op-erate from the zone in an effort to topple the regime.

A U.S. preemptive strike would almost certainly be limited to bombing raids on lraqi military installations, probably headquarters in southern Iraq, to disrupt any

Alternatively, the United States could use Stealth aircraft or missiles to destroy command hunkers in Baghdad, communi-

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Wall Street Bolts Higher on Good Corporate Earnings

By Lawrence Malkin ernational Herold Tribune

NEW YORK - After a month in the doldrums, the stock market turned up sharply Tuesday on good news from the real world of business.

Good earnings reports and forecasts from companies that make products ranging from soap to microchips helped push the Dow Jones industrial average up 55.51 points, its single biggest jump since Sept. 15. The average finished at 3,876.83.

The gain in the overall market came from big-name companies that have reor-

ganized their operations to profit from the Procter & Gamble stock reached a

record high after the consumer-products company said it expected to record record sales and earnings for its first quarter. Chrysler Corp. shares gained after the company said higher sales and lower cus-tomer rebates contributed to a 54 percent rise in third-quarter profit.

 PepsiCo said its third-quarter earnings rose 18 percent on strong overseas sales. The gain was higher than analysts expected, and the company's stock rose. Since these companies are multination-

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als, their earnings were helped by an economic recovery in Europe that has been stronger than economists expected.

look also cleared the way. Worries about higher interest rates, which had driven the market down in recent weeks, receded U.S. employment figures released last Friday indicated that wage inflation was under control.

This is expected to be confirmed on the price side by what are expected to be modest wholesale and retail inflation figures due out Thursday and Friday.

Receding inflation fears helped the bond market, which in turn helped stocks. Long-term Treasury bond yields, which

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Israel Suspends Talks With PLO

JERUSALEM (Reuters) - Israel suspended peace talks with the Palestine Liberation Organization in Cairo on Ivesday after the kidnapping of an Israeli soldier by the Islamic militant group Hamas, Israeli radio said.

The radio said the head of the Israe-

li delegation, Major General Danny Rothschild, had been recalled to Israel for consultations.

Earlier, Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin ordered that the autonomous Gaza Strip be sealed off until further notice. He said the PLO chairman, Yasser Arafat, bore responsibility for the fate of the soldier, Nachshon Waxsman, 20.

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Nobel Panelist Objects to Prize for Arafat

PLO Chairman Would Share the Peace Award With Rabin

By John Darnton New York Times Service

LONDON — The Nobel committee has decided to award the Peace Prize this year to Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin of Israel and the PLO chairman, Yasser Arafat, but the decision has stirred dissent, with one committee member threatening to resign.

The report of the decision first appeared in the Norwegian daily newspaper Aftenposten on Tuesday and was later confirmed by people familiar with the normally secretive deliberations of the fivemember committee.

The sources said that the committee had decided early on to recognize the peace accord between Israel and the Palestine Liberation Organization, which was reached in September 1993. The only question was who should receive the prize. The committee debated the issue for two

months, since one committee member, Kaare Kristiansen, a longtime supporter of Israel, objected strenuously to Mr. Arafat, regarding him as someone who had espoused terrorism

The committee considered giving the prize, worth \$950,000, to Foreign Minister Simon Peres of Israel and a PLO subordinate of Mr. Arafat's or, at another point, to "technicians" who had negotiated the outline of the agreement during secret talks in

But last Friday, the committee reverted to its original position and decided to give it to the two leaders who signed the agreement and shook hands in the White House Rose Garden on Sept. 13, 1993.

Mr. Kristiansen declared that he would quit the committee in protest shortly after the award was announced Friday in Oslo, according to Aftenposten.

Reached by telephone at home. Mr. Kristiansen refused to comment on the report, saying that to do so would be violating the Nobel committee statutes, which call for complete secrecy on the selection of candidates and the awarding of the prize.

Journalists and others in Oslo said Tuesday that the committee might well hold another meeting before Friday to re-examine its decision.

The accord between Israel and the PLO reversed four decades of hostility in the Middle East,

The agreement called for Palestinian self-rule to begin in the Gaza Strip and the West Bank city of Jericho as an interim measure before a settlement within five years on the status of the territories cap-

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For Germany's Bomb Hunters, World War II Lives On

By Rick Atkinson

Washington Post Service BERLIN - Peter Harvey, a cheerful man looking for trouble, was explaining the odds of finding it.

"If 100,000 bombs were dropped on Berlin toward the end of the war, at least 10 percent didn't go off," he said. "So we're talking about 10,000 unexploded bombs buried in the city. Only 2,000 have

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been found since 1945; statistically speaking, there could be 8,000 bombs still here." Mr. Harvey's ruminations were interrupted by an abrupt shout from his work

crew. Trouble had been found. Stowing their metal detectors, the workers ginger dug beneath the grassy surface of Berlin's vast central park, the Tiergarten. When the hole was a meter deep, the rusty snout of an 80mm Soviet mortar round protruded through the dirt.

The shell, probably a dud from the last desperate battle around the Reichstag in May 1945, was gingerly hoisted from the hole and laid aside for later retrieval by the police bomb squad.

Although it was not one of the thousands of unexploded munitions dropped a half-century ago from Allied airpianes— like the 225-kilogram (500-pound) U.S. bomb that killed 3 workmen and injured 17 other Berliners last month - the mortar shell was a reminder that Germany sometimes seems to be one big powder keg. No one knows with certainty how much World War II ordnance remains buried in

One official with the city's Munitions Disposal Service estimates that in Berlin alone there are still 15,000 explosive devices, including artillery and mortar shells, hand grenades and 3,000 bombs. Others

say the number could be much higher. While time and corrosion defuse some munitions, others become more unstable. Almost daily, something explosive is found somewhere in Germany. In late Au-

ust, police cordoned off several blocks in the ancient city of Trier after an unexploded bomb was found near the cathedral. In Kleve, near the Dutch border, the town center was evacuated Sept. 17 after workmen discovered a British bomb with acid leaking from its detonator. And 10,000

residents were herded from the port city of Wilhelmshaven on Sept. 21 after a 450kilogram bomb was unearthed at a construction site.

On the former border between the two Germanys, search teams use tractors to look for several thousand land mines still unaccounted for out of the 1.3 million sown by the Communist regime.

But it is the big bombs hidden under big cities that excite the most concern,

There has been a renewed sense of urgency since Sept. 15, when construction workers unwittingly bored into the detona-tor of a bomb buried beneath a site on Petenkofer Street in eastern Berlin. "The biggest explosion since the war," as one newspaper put it, demolished parked cars and an apartment building, wounded 20

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Jörg Haider, whose party won 22.6 percent of the vote on Sunday.

Austria's Man in a Hurry Rightist Hopes to Get Top Job by '96

By Alan Friedman national Herold Tribune

VIENNA - The leader of Austria's extreme right Freedom Party, which on Sunday won a stunning 22.6 percent of the national vote, predicted Tuesday that he could be chancellor within "a year or two."

The far-right leader, Jörg Haider, a millionaire populist, said he expected Chancellor Franz Vranitzky's govern-ing coalition would collapse within one to two years under the weight of what he termed its "bankrupt policies," paving the way for him to lead a new

Mr. Haider also said in an interview that he expected a part of the conservative Austrian People's Party to break away from the governing coalition and

vote with his party on several issues, forcing new general elections in less than two years. Even if this does not happen, Mr. Haider said: "I am sure that I will be the chancellor by 1998."

In any event, Mr. Haider, 44, said his party would use its newfound power to put pressure on the Vranitzky government to renegotiate some of the terms of Austria's imminent membership in the European Union. He rejected criticism of his party from Jaques Santer, the next European Commission president, saying "he should try to meet me before stating on the basis of hearsay what he thinks."

Mr. Haider's fervent anti-foreigner rhetoric and his ability to play upon the public's fears over unemployment have

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By Craig R. Whitney

old coalition government of Chancel- alone. lor Helmut Kohl, the front-runner, or has the time come for a change?

With less than a week to go, public opinion polls are not much help in predicting the answer.

If it depended only on Mr. Kohl and his Christian Democratic alliance, the polls agree, he would defeat the Social Democrats and their candidate, Rudolf Scharping, and leave them in opposition for another four years.

"We have good prospects, but the election isn't over yet," Mr. Kohl warns his supporters, flying by government helicopter to rally after rally—
11 of them last week alone. "We haven't got a vote to lose or to give

The two latest polls, taken for the

In Bosnia

the imposition of a Yugoslav

military embargo.

The move would cripple UN

aid and peacekeeping opera-tions in support of Muslim

communities surrounded in the 70 percent of Bosnian territory

under Serbian military control.

Mr. Karadzic, under interna-

tional pressure as a result of the Serbs' rejection of a Big Power

peace plan, accused the United

force in Bosnia of a pro-Muslim

to demand that the United Na-

tions Protection Force leave our

country," he told Borba.

"We are nearer to a decision

"We are now even firmer in

UN sources said Mr. Karadzic could be restrained from a total ban on the UN protection

force by the need for UN help

Meanwhile, UN officials said

that Serbs had expelled the last

21 Muslims from a Bosnian vil-

lage east of Sarajevo, continu-

ing a program of "ethnic cleans-

of Borati, near the town of Ro-

gatica, were forced out of their

homes at short notice on Mon-

of the city.

to feed his own civilians.

weeklies Die Zeit and Der Spiegel in the last week of September and the BERLIN - For the 60 million Ger- first week of October, predict that the mans eligible to vote Sunday in the Christian Democrats will win 42 pernational election, the issues boil down cent of the vote, down from 43.8 persimply to this: Do they want four more cent in 1990 and well short of the 50 years of the same under the 12-year- percent they would need to govern

> If that turns out to be right, Mr. Kohl's fate could depend on how his junior coalition partner, Foreign Minister Klaus Kinkel's tiny Free Democratic Party, does.

> So far this year, it has not done well at all in votes for five state elections and the European Parliament, falling short of the 5 percent needed to win seats in each one.

> Only one poll, a few weeks ago, forecast that the Free Democrats would not make it into the national Parliament. If they do not, however, the only way for the Christian Demo-crats to hold on to power might be to join forces with the Social Democratic opposition in a grand coalition like the one from 1966 to 1969.

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party, and send and crass into opposition.

Mr. Kohl and his current coalition percent.

"I voted for them four years ago."

"I voted for them four years ago."

in Berlin on Saturday. But privately he Square, "but I wouldn't do it again." and his advisers can give only one Parliament in the past.

the party was clearly identified with a 1991," he said.

That one paved the way for Willy
Brandt to become the first postwar
Social Democratic chancellor, and its best-known exponent. Mr. Kinkel's those who know Mr. Kohl say he would rather resign than accept the humiliation of a new grand coalition. Its best-known exponent, ivil. Kinder's predecessor, Hans-Dietrich Genscher, helped bring about the peaceful collapse of the Berlin Wall in 1989.

Mr. Genscher resigned two years If Mr. Scharping wins enough votes, he could conceivably form a coalition ago, after leading the Free Democrats with the Greens, the environmentalist to 11 percent of the vote in 1990. This year, the two latest public opinion polls predict, they may get 5 or 6

en. said Volker Ebigt, 23, a student at the "We'll get way over 5 percent in the Free University in Berlin who came to national election, don't worry." Mr. hear Mr. Kinkel plead for support Kinkel said at a campaign appearance' among the shoppers in Wittenberg

Mr. Ebigt lives in Düsseldorf and reason why they think so: because the has already filled out his absentee bal-Free Democrats always made it into lot, he said, for the Christian Demo-Parliament in the past. But that was in West Germany, impossible for Germany to make a when the country was still divided and contribution to the war in the Gulf in

drich List school in Pankow, home to the first East German Communist governments after World War II.

With some passion, he assured his listeners in the eastern part of the country, where unemployment is 13.8 percent, that he understood why many of them were so disappointed and resentful at the way reunification had destroyed the Communist economy public duties and business concerns. that they might vote for the former Communists, the Party of Democratic Socialism. But he promised to keep working to make things better by helping local businesses if the government was re-elected.

"If you vote for them,' Mr. Scharping said at rallies in East Germany, referring to the former Communists, "you're voting against a change in government. If you cast a protest vote out of frustration, you'll just end up with four more years of frustration."

The extreme-right Republicans, in cautious foreign policy of nonconfrontation with the Communist countries for a question-and-answer session atto help the Germans who lived there. tended by about 200 voters at the Frie-pected to get into Parliament this year.

WORLD BRIEFS

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NOME (Combined Dispatches) — Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi pledged Tuesday to bow to plans for a "blind trust" to administer his business affairs, as he signaled his intent to bridge widening rifts in his government coalition.

Mr. Berlusconi, who owns the Finishess he would arrive the world arrive to bridge he would arrive the month.

he would accept proposals by three government advisers aimed at staving off politically damaging conflicts of interest between his

"Although the plan is very harsh in relation to legislation existing in other countries. I think modifying it would not be opportune," the prime minister said. "It will be up to the sovereign Parliament to decide" the proposals' fate.

Right Wing Assails Major at Meeting

BOURNEMOUTH, England (Reuters) — Bitter divisions within Britain's governing Conservative Party burst into the open on Tuesday with a fierce onslaught by right-wingers on Prime Minister John Major's policy toward Europe.

Norman Lamont, dismissed as chancellor of the Exchequer in May 1993, stunned the first day of the Conservatives' annual conference by saying Britain was losing the fight against closer integration and might one day have to pull out of the European Union. Mr. Lamont's attack capped a fraught day for Major whose party, in power since 1979, is stuck more than 20 points behind the Labor party in opinion polls.

The four-day gathering began under a cloud of allegations of influence-peddling leveled against Margaret Thatcher's son, Mark, in connection with a huge arms deal his mother signed with Saudi Arabia when she was prime minister in the mid-1980s. Lady Thatcher, upset by the controversy, looked pale and drawn when she took her place on the podium to muted applause from delegates who once cheered her every word.

Kim Jong 11 Misses Dedication Event

SEOUL (AFP) - North Korea's president-designate, Kim Jong II, missed a much-heralded ceremony on Tuesday, leaving analysts to wonder whether he would appear at ceremonies this weekend to mark 100 days since the death of his father, Kim II

Sung.

Mr. Kim, who has not been seen in public for 83 days, and Defense Minister O Jin U, were absent from the list of those who attended the ceremony for the inauguration of the tomb of

Tangun, Korea's legendary founding father.
"It is something unexpected that Kim Jong II missed the event," an official at the Unification Ministry here said. The official added that the completion of the tomb had been a pet project of the late president.

Exiled Bangladeshi Sets French Visit

PARIS (Reuters) — Organizers of Taslima Nasrin's canceled visit to France said Tuesday that they were making new plans for the exiled Bangladeshi writer to come to Paris for a weeklong stay around Nov. 23.

They said Dr. Nasrin would request to stay about a week, and they were waiting for the French authorities to say how long she would be allowed to stay before establishing her schedule. Last week, she dropped plans to visit after the government limited her stay to 24 hours for security reasons. After an outcry, Foreign Minister Alain Juppé retreated and said she would be welcome.

Dr. Nasrin has been condemned to death by Muslim fundamentalists in her country for criticizing Islam and for suggesting that the Koran would benefit from rewriting.



ALL FALL DOWN — Public housing towers in a suburb near Lyon crashing down Tuesday after being dynamited. The apartment building towers in a suburb near Lyon ings in Venissieux, which were called "Les Minguettes" and constructed in the '60s, had become a symbol for French suburban deterioration.

A Game Tool Wins 3 Economists a Nobel

Nations and its peacekeeping economists who played a major based on expected counterpart in developing the study of moves," the Royal Swedish games like chess or poker into a Academy of Sciences said in a vital tool for economic analysis statement. "Such strategic in-

our conviction that Unprofor must leave," he said. "It has \$930,000 prize, were John C. proved to be very useful in eco-Harsanyi, a retired professor nomic analysis. protected the Muslims from to-University, and Reinhard Selten of the University of Bonn.

The Bosnian Serbian threat They refined the foundation could turn the current turmoil of game theory — discovered 50 in UN aid activities into a cayears ago — to be able to make tastrophe with winter closing in on besieged Muslim communigies based on unknown factors.

ties by halting all road convoys. It would provoke a confrontation with the United Nations and poker to make predictions information, the statement said. over the enforcement of the about interactions in a variety peacekeepers' mandate to proof economic areas. tect Muslim safe havens.

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches these games, players have to STOCKHOLM — Three think ahead — devise a strategy were awarded the 1994 Nobel teraction also characterizes Economics Prize on Tuesday. many economic situations, and The three, who will share the game theory has therefore

tal defeat. Our highest forums from the University of Califor- The researchers focused on a will soon hold a session at nia at Berkeley, John F. Nash, a formula in which players in which the final decision will be mathematician at Princeton games — or executives in companies — received information about each other's positions to form strategies.

It was borrowed in part from the biological concept of natupredictions by devising strate- ral selection. Their research has been used in everything from Their work used strategies the study of environment to applied in such games as chess analysis of foreign trade and

Mr. Nash was singled out for what has become known as the "Everyone knows that in "Nash equilibrium."

"The Nash equilibrium has widely accepted in economic become a standard tool in al- analysis and is even used when most all areas of economic the-financial markets are seeking to ory in order to improve our un- determine how a central bank derstanding of complex will behave. strategic interaction," the acad- "Nash eq

Harsanyi both for showing how the academy said. games of incomplete informathe foundations of welfare eco- standing achievements in medi-

a book with Mr. Harsanyi on Americans won the medicine equilibrium selection in games, prize on Monday. was the first to refine the Nash equilibrium concept and apply genstern and the mathemati-

enables people to make skilled predictions — had become

"Nash equilibrium has become a standard tool in almost The academy lauded Mr. all areas of economic theory." The economics prize is the

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The economist Oskar Morwith only a few sellers, the adapted game theory for eco-academy said. adapted game theory for eco-nomics in 1939. The academy The Swedish academy, which said Mr. Nash. Mr. Selten and has awarded the prizes since Mr. Harsanyi added invaluable 1969, said the theory of equilib- refinements so that game theory rium analysis — the theory that could be applied to almost any strategic decision.

Skinheads Attack German Woman

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches POTSDAM, Germany - A German woman was badly injured when she was thrown from a streetcar by skinheads after she had tried to stop them from robbing an elderly wom-

an, the police said Tuesday. The injured woman, 34, had gone to the aid of an elderly leave, the skinheads threw her from the streetcar. She was hospitalized with hip injuries after striking a pillar.

A black African man was it to analyses of competition cian John von Neumann first also attacked by skinheads on Monday, the police said, re-porting the latest acts of extremist violence in East German cities. In Berlin, two skinheads were arrested for molesting Tamil flower vendors and making the Hitler salute. (Reuters, AFP)

TRAVEL UPDATE

Strike to Shut 2 More Greek Sites

ATHENS (AP) - A strike by Culture Ministry employees that has closed the Acropolis and its museum for a week will spread on Thursday to two more popular archaeological tourist sites. Cape Sounion and the palace of Knossos on Crete, a labor official said

woman whom three skinheads were attempting to rob. As she establishment of a "self-help fund" that would come out of a 20 helped the old woman stand up to leave, the skinheads threw will spread throughout the country unless the demands are met. the official said.

Cathay Pacific Airways, Qantas Airways and Thai Airways International announced Tuesday that they would match cuts in first-class and business-class fares by Singapore Airlines to destinations from Singapore. Singapore Airlines said last week that it was cutting its first-class fares by 10 percent to 15 percent, along with its SilkAir subsidiary. Business-class fares would be cut by 15 percent to 20 percent. The new rates take effect Sunday. (AFP)

SAS will restore flights to Zagreb, Croatia, flying weekly from Copenhagen, on Saturdays as of Nov. 5, the airline said Tuesday. It plans to use MD-087s seating 100 passengers. (Bloomberg)

Malawi reported an outbreak of bubonic plague Tuesday, fol-lowing outbreaks in Mozambique and Zimbabwe last week. (AFP)

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The Muslims from the village watched on television as Mr. Arafat and Mr. Rabin shook hands under the nudging arms

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day evening, bused 60 kilomeof President Bill Clinton. ters (40 miles) to Sarajevo and That event so dominated the news last year that many people ordered to cross the "Bridge of Brotherhood and Unity" into had predicted that the Nobel the Bosnian government sector committee would pay homage (Reuters, AP) to it, in much the same way as it awarded a shared prize to Nelson Mandela and Frederik W. de Klerk the year before in rec-UNIVERSITY DEGREE ognition of the peaceful trans-BACHELOR'S • MASTER'S • DOCTORATE

black majority in South Africa

But there had been speculation that the prize might also be The sweep of the accord was awarded to a political rival of highlighted by the ceremony Mr. Rabin's, Foreign Minister that accompanied its signing. Shimon Peres, who was a main Millions around the world architect of the agreement. Another Swedish newspaper,

Dagbladet, carried a story over the weekend that the prize could be shared by Mr. Arafat, Mr. Rabin, Mr. Peres and another PLO representative.

In 1978, President Anwar Sadat of Egypt and Prime Minis-ter Menachem Begin of Israel shared the Nobel Peace Prize for their signing of the Camp David peace accords between fer of political power to the their two countries.

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> over a new bilateral air treaty. But because the proposal

American Airlines said it fers.

was not impressed with the

offer. "We don't think it's that big a deal," said Lizann Peppard, a spokesman for American Airlines in London. "Basically we are still looking for greater access to Heathrow and be-

> American Air's corporate parent, said the airline might be interested in opening service between Birmingham and Chicago and between Manchester and Miami.

Negotiations on a new air treaty between the two countries broke down in January after U.S. transport officials walked out of the talks, maintaining that the British were not willing to make serious of-

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Pact Will Give Narita a 2d Runway By Steven Brull

TOKYO - In a step toward improving access to Ja-

pan by air, the government announced a compromise agreement Tuesday that could lead to a major expansion of capacity at Tokyo's overcrowded Narita airport. The deal is a turning point

in the bloody conflict with lo-cal residents who have opposed the airport since it was announced — without their consultation — in 1966 and opened in 1978.

By admitting past mistakes, and withdrawing its bid to ex-propriate land, the govern-ment persuaded local opponents to agree to drop their unified fight against expansion of the airport.

"It's a memorable day that signals the end of the state of enmity between the govern-

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ment and the local people," said Hiromichi Ishige of the opposition Atsuta faction. This is a virtual end to the Narita dispute."

The basic agreement Tuesday calls for the completion of a second, parallel runway at Narita in exchange for suspending plans to complete a third runway needed to cope with strong cross-winds. Acquisition of land and construction, however, will only proceed with the consent of neighbors, who so far have adamantly refused to surrender

The timing, therefore, remains uncertain. In practice, however, the second runway could be completed in less than two years,

Its completion is certain to lead to a major expansion of flights to and from Tokyo by

Narita, the world's fifth-busiest passenger airport and top international cargo facility in 1992, has been unable to accommodate requests for in-The problem has particu-

lary irked foreign carriers,

most of which are far more

competitive than their Japanese rivals, whose costs have risen with the yen. Airlines from 42 countries are waiting for permission to fly to Japan. "This is the best news we've had since Narita opened," said Warwick Blacker, chair-

The agreement was heralded as a victory for social justice in Japan. The government had been criticized for announcing plans to build the airport east of Tokyo without consulting local residents.

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which was detailed in a letter to Frederico Peña, the U.S. transportation secretary, was intended as an opening bid in negotiations with Washington

excludes Heathrow and Gatwick, the two London airports that are the most prized destinations for airlines in the United States, it is likely to produce a lukewarm response from Washington.

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with Iraq remained far from resolved, officials the events would go a long way toward allaying boasted of their quick and forceful response to public fears about the president's foreign policy the buildup of troops on the Kuwaiti border. It leadership. But Republicans said they saw little. was evidence, they said, of an administration if any, benefit to the president. that would not repeat the mistakes of the past by allowing Iraqi aggression to proceed unchecked.

At the same time, officials were eager to trumpet the events in Haiti as the fruit of a firm and

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Heath Kenter president design For White House officials, it was a far more pleasant alternative than the image one year when the about the party of the large because the about the country of the country of the country by the countr earlier of the grim-faced president discussing the deaths of U.S. soldiers in Somalia, or - as recently as last month - threatening to take the politically unpopular step of invading Haiti.

The latest developments offered Mr. Clinton the chance to be presidential - serious and resolute as he announced the largest deployment of force of his administration - without delivering unwelcome or difficult news.

In his address, the president wrapped in the recent visits of President Boris N. Yeltsin of Russia and President Nelson Mandela of South Africa, saying, "We are making progress in building a world of greater security, peace and

Mr. Clinton's aim, said a senior official, was to use the speech to show that "we make commit-

The White House was determined to reap the political capital without being tagged with doing so. The stern word went out to senior staff President Bill Clinton seized on the resigna- Monday morning: No one was to discuss the tion of Lieutenant General Raoul Cedras in political implications of the administration's activities in the Gulf and Haiti.

"I want you to write that no one at the White address Monday, the ultimate presidential fo- House would talk about the politics of this," said

Said another, "I'll leave that to the pundits." Outside observers differed on that score, Although the administration said the crisis Some, particularly Democrats, said they thought

> "Each time he demonstrates to Americans that he is a president who will stand his ground, he strengthens his hand as president," said a Democratic pollster, Geoff Garin. "Politically, by the time he's up for re-election, people have to feel very comfortable that he fits that job."

> But Republicans had a far less rosy perspective. A Republican pollster, Ed Goeas, said the foreign policy problems distracted Mr. Clinton at a time when he should be campaigning more aggressively for Democratic candidates. 'It just delays him being able to fight back,"

Mr. Goeas said. Richard Haass, a National Security Council staff member in the Bush administration who is now at the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, said it was premature to predict any longer-term impact.

"It's too soon for it to have any decisive or lasting effect," said Mr. Haass, "in part because Haiti hasn't played out, in part because of the memories of Somalia, Bosnia and the general perception of the president as someone uncomfortable with things military, and also because I think he's yet to demonstrate that he can manage the use of force effectively throughout a crisis."

In Palace, Aristide

By William Booth

Washington Past Service
PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti U.S. troops on Tuesday occupied Haiti's ultimate portal to power, the National Palace, in preparation for the return from exile of the elected president, Jean-Bertrand Aristide.

Hundreds of soldiers milled about on the expansive lawns of the gleaming white building, their Humvees and armored vehicles blocking entrances, as the de facto president, Emile Jonassaint, remained camped at his hillside home.

U.S. officials predicted that Mr. Jonassaint would resign by Wednesday, the same day that the former military commanders, Lieutenant General Raoul Cedras and his deputy, Brigadier General Philippe Biamby, are expected to fly into exile. The generals resigned Monday and are most likely to go to

U.S. troops also occupied the offices of the de facto government's ministers. Mr. Jonassaint's entire cabinet is also expected to resign.

Father Aristide's acting prime minister, Robert Malval, issued a communique Tuesday stating that he would return to his duties — at least temporarily - in anticipation of Father Aristide's return Saturday. Mr. Malval, the moderate choice of some in the Clinton administration, has repeatedly stressed he does not want to remain as prime minister, and in the past, he has clashed with Father Aris-

While former President Jimmy Carter, who brokered the last-minute deal with Mr. Jonassaint that led to the arrival of U.S. troops and the ouster of the military regime, has insisted that the 81-year-old de facto president is no mere puppet, to most Haitians he is a cruel joke. Mr. Jonassaint has done little, if anything, to benefit his country, and is best known for his rambling addresses on Haitian national television at 2 A.M., the only time, U.S. Embassy staff members joked, that he dare face his countrymen.

At the National Palace on Tuesday, the white mansion was surrounded by gawking who saw anothe bol of their country occupied by

"I just came by to see another of our national institutes taken over by the Americans," said a wealthy Haitian. "I'm ashamed. We're like children. We need someone else to come in and settle our affairs.

■ Aristide's Plans Awaited Tim Weiner of The New York Times reported earlier from Washington:

With his return to Haiti scheduled for Saturday, Father Aristide has neither chosen a cabinet nor revealed his immediate plans upon regaining power, worrying some White House officials who want assurances of stability.

The White House has been prodding Father Aristide to pick a prime minister with moderate politics, roots among the Haitian elite, and a history of working with U.S. Embassy of-ficials. But Father Aristide is keeping his intentions to him-

On Monday, as the military rulers in Haiti stepped down, Father Aristide's only political act was to sign a decree expressing his agreement with the law on amnesty passed Friday by the Haitian Parliament. The law fell short of the general am-nesty sought by General Cédras, leaving the leaders of the 1991 coup that toppled Father Aristide potentially vulnerable to charges of corruption and murder.

The failure to win a complete amnesty was a factor in the general's decision to leave Haiti, U.S. officials said.

The resistance to Father Aristide among the Haitian military and police remains strong. taken Friday through Sunday, 6 percent of the 1,013 respondents had no opinion on the president. A Sept. 23-25 poll by the same group gave Mr. Clinton a 44 percent job-approval rating, against a 51 percent disapproval mark. The new survey had a margin of sampling error of plus or minus three percentage points. The group also reported that Congress

received its highest disapproval rate in the survey in 20 years of polling by Gallup, with 73 percent disapproving and 21 percent approving, while 6 percent had no opinion.

Wife Stirs Up Senate Race

LOS ANGELES - Those who have known Arianna Stassinopoulos Huffington would not be surprised at the latest tempest she has stirred up. After all, when she was 23, her first book took a slap at feminism that drew an international audience of admirers and foes. Now, as her husband, Michael Huff-

ngton, campaigns for the U.S. Senate in California, the woman who has often sought the center of attention has found herself there again.

This time Mrs. Huffington, 44, is the target of accusations that her husband's candidacy is more a product of her ideas and quest for power than his. And, if so, her critics say, they are suspicious about her role in a religious group in which she once served as a minister.

Mrs. Huffington said she was sations, which she said were vastly overdiscrediting her husband.

She played down her role in the campaign, saying she served as a surrogate speaker like many political spouses, but was not a major decision-maker.

She also described her role in John-Roger's Church of the Movement of Spiritual Inner Awareness, known by its acronym MSIA, as a casual one, involving seminars about practical life ques-tions rather than religious dogma. She said the organization was not a cult.

Five former staff members of the Huffington campaign said the candidate's wife was so active that she was essentially acting as the campaign manager. They said eight staff members quit because of disagreements with her.

Former ministers said that Mrs. Huffington had been a devoted John-Roger follower for many years. A new book by Peter McWilliams, a former church member who is now critical of the group, described her as an active organizer who sought new recruits.

Mrs. Huffington, a prominent socialite and author before she met her husband, said she had not taken part in the church since 1987, when she became a born-again Christian.

Quote/Unquote

Albert M. (Bo) Calloway, a councilman in Trenton, New Jersey, on why he is endorsing a Republican, Garabed (Chuck) Haytaian, for U.S. senator: " 1 'shocked" to be the target of such accu- don't care if I'm a Democrat. I'm 72 years old, and I can do any blanketyblown by a liberal conspiracy aimed at blank thing I want, and I'm endorsing

Residents of Cité Soleil, a Port-au-Prince slum, cleaning up with equipment provided by the United States.

Campaign TV Ads Turn Raw

Surly Voters Reject 'Soft and Fuzzy Stuff' of '92 Races

vision advertisement with a man unable to pay for heart surgery for his ailing 2-year-old

"There's something wrong." Mr. Clinton said, "with a government that can't open its heart to help a father care for a young child whose heart is already broken."

Few politicians would air such an ad in the meaner, grittier, anti-government climate sur-rounding this year's elections. Armed with polling research showing that Americans are disgusted with the political system, candidates are marketing themselves not as compassionate reformers but as tough-minded

"All that soft and fuzzy stuff doesn't matter," said a Republican consultant, Don Sip-ple. "Voters are immune to video clichés. They want the meat."

The meat, in 1994 terms, is rather raw: in favor of the death penalty, longer prison terms and cutting off welfare benefits; against taxes, immigration and congressional perquisites. In 30-second television or radio spots, strategists say, specific issues are far less important than tapping into the electorate's sur-

ly mood.
"Ninety-four is about who can get further outside the system," said a Republican poll-ster, Frank Luntz. "To me, the best candidate of all would be an astronaut. He can say, 'I was floating in outer space the whole time.'

The result is what political professionals describe as the most bitterly negative campaign in modern history.
Senator Edward M. Kennedy, Democrat of

Massachusetts, is running attack ads for the first time in his 32-year career, using laid-off workers to criticize the business practices of his Republican opponent, Mitt Romney. Governor Pete Wilson of California is criticizing the Democratic candidate, Kathleen

By Howard Kurtz Brown, as soft on rapists and child molesters.

Washington Post Service
WASHINGTON — During the 1992 New
Hampshire primary, Bill Clinton made a tele-Senator Jim Sasser, Democrat of Tennessee, has even depicted Dr. William Frist as a cat hater. A radio ad describing Dr. Frist's medical experiments on cats asks: "Why did he do it? Dr. Frist said, 'I wasn't going to let a few sentiments about furry little creatures stand in the way of my career.' Millionaire doctor Bill Frist: The only thing he puts first

is himself." Strikingly absent from most campaign ads are the issues that loomed so prominently in recent years: abortion rights, federal budget deficits, the environment. Health care is barely a blip on the screen.

Mr.: Sipple, the consultant, calls these "therapy" issues - solving problems through an activist government — and says they have

"The most powerful issue is disciplining Congress," he said, "punishing people who've bounced checks and traveled extravagantly. When Senator John H. Chafee, Republican

of Rhode Island, was up for re-election in 1988, Mr. Sipple said, We did a ton of environmental spots on the Sierra Club and Narragansett Bay." He added, "I haven't done any of that this year."

Signs of the new times are everywhere. In 1992, President George Bush ran ads touting his plan for "a choice of quality schools," "job training" and "health care for all." This year, his sons, Jeb and George W., running for governor in Florida and Texas, are airing stark ads about dangerous criminals being turned loose and the need for more capital

As the air wars intensify in the campaign's final weeks, the decibel level may leave the electorate with a splitting headache.

"Here you have voters fed up with the partisan bickering and negativity, and what they're getting is a bigger dose of partisan bickering and negativity," said Mr. Luntz, the pollster. "It's a vicious circle."

Mexican Police Arrest Suspect

Fernando Rodriguez Gonzá-

Mr. Rodriguez Gouzález and Mr. Muñóz Rocha, both of the governing Institutional Revolutionary Party, are accused of plotting the murder of Jose Francisco Rodríguez Massieu, a rising star in the ruling party. Mr. Rodriguez Massieu, of Guerrero state, was to be the next house majority leader.

Both men fled after the Sept. 27 murder outside a hotel in central Mexico City. Mr. Munoz Rocha remains at large. He is being sought in Mexico as well as in the United States.

Ten suspects have been arbers. Daniel Aguilar Trevino, a

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WILLIAMSBURG, Virginia

 Demonstrators shouled, scuffled briefly with the actors lage of Colonial Williamsburg caused at least one of the pro-

generated complaints after it was announced last week, was staged for the first time Mon-

Organizers said the mock auction dramatized the horrors of slavery. Protesters complained that it cheapened history and dealt with an episode too painful to handle in a theater-

mounted the stage, the steps of

lonial Williamsburg, some using canes and umbrellas, tried push the demonstrators back. Jack Gravely, political di-rector of the Virginia branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, who organized the pro-test, shouted, "You cannot por-

Mock Slave Auction Sets Off Scuffle

sat down on the steps and challenged officials to call the police. They did not, and the show

tray our history in 21 minutes and make it some sideshow." the performance had changed his mind. "I would be lying if I At that point, two protesters said I didn't come out with a different view," he said.

(AP. NYT. WP)

Away From Politics

 Colorado's anti-gay rights measure has been ruled unconstitutional. The state Supreme Court ruled, 6 to 1, that the measure bars homosexuals from "having an effective voice in government affairs" and denies them equal protection under the U.S. Constitution. State officials vowed to appeal. • The space shuttle Endeavour landed in the

California desert after heavy cloud cover m Florida foiled plans to end the shuttle's 11day Earth-mapping mission at its home base. • The judge in the O.J. Simpson trial has threatened to throw out many pieces of evidence in the murder case, including tests on a bloody glove, saying they may have been submitted too late to a laboratory for testing. Superior Court Judge Lance A. Ito said the defense made a strong case that it was unfairly burdened by the delay. He said he would rule Friday.

• The Supreme Court has named a Florida lawyer to help referee a dispute between New York and New Jersey over which state gets to claim Ellis Island, once the nation's major immigration gateway. A gumman wounded eight people in a New

York dance chib after someone stepped on his toes and a shoving match ensued, police said. The police were searching for the gunman. • An American Airlines jet from New York blew several tires upon landing in Toronto, causing a small fire and forcing the 157 people on board to disembark by sliding down emergency escape chutes. A few minor injuries were reported. Fire fighters quickly extinguished the flames.

In Assassination

Gore Says North Aids Iraq

said Tuesday that Oliver L. North, the

former national security aide who is run-

ning for the Senate from Virginia, was

"giving aid and comfort" to Saddam Hussein by suggesting U.S. forces could

not stop an Iraqi invasion of Kuwait.

as is often the case with statements from

Oliver North, it is also patently untrue,"

Vice President Al Gore said in attacking

the former Reagan administration aide.
"He has put the rankest form of parti-

sanship ahead of the national interest in

a manner which is insulting to our armed forces, to our flag, to the soldiers who are

prepared to go into battle if necessary,"

Mr. North, a Republican, is in a tight

race with Senator Charles S. Robb, a

Democrat, and both President Bill Clin-

ton and Mr. Gore have campaigned on

On Monday, Mr. North backed off

from his assertion that the Clinton ad-

ministration had so weakened the U.S.

military that it could not stop an Iraqi

invasion of Kuwait. But he continued to

hammer the president, dismissing him as

"not my commander in chief." (AP. WP)

Clinton Rating Falls In Poll

WASHINGTON - President Clin-

ton's approval rating has dropped to 42

percent and his disapproval rating in-

latest crisis started in the Gulf, according

to a poll published Tuesday.
In the CNN/USA Today/Gallup poll,

eased slightly to 52 percent since the

Mr. Gore added.

Mr. Robb's behalf.

"It is despicable, it is unpatriotic and

WASHINGTON — The White House

MEXICO CITY - The police on Tuesday arrested one of two fugitives sought on charges of masterminding the assassination of the governing party's second-highest official, local television reported.

lez, an aide to the fugitive con-gressman Manuel Muñóz Rocha, was arrested in the central city of Zacatecas, a television station reported, quoting sources in the attorney general's

rested in the case, including other high-ranking party memfarmhand who was arrested at the scene, reportedly told the police he was paid \$15,000 to kill Mr. Rodriguez Massieu.

and conducted a sit-in on the stage. But the re-enactment of a slave auction at the historic viltesters to change his mind. The re-enactment, which

day by the Colonial Williamsburg Foundation, which oper-ates the restored village that depicts daily life in the Ameri-can colonies before indepen-

like production. Just before the auctioneer

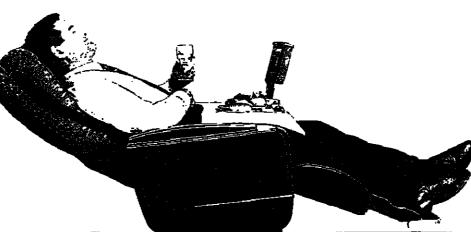
a restored tavern, six demonstrators pushed through the mostly white audience of 2000 and began singing, "We Shall Overcome." Costumed employees of Co-

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A Reckless Iraqi Ploy

A Decisive Clinton

Five days of Iraqi deployments and U.S. counterdeployments around Kuwait's northern border have left Bill Clinton looking like a born-again military strategist and Saddam Hussein like a dangerous and clumsy bully. Iraq's announcement on Monday that it was withdrawing troops from the border region vindicates Mr. Clinton's strategy of quick and massive military deterrence of any Iraqi plans for renewed aggression.

The Iraqi leader's motives and intentions are known only to him. But if he thought he could force a resolution of the diplomatic stalemate over oil sanctions by stirring up a new military crisis over Kuwait, he was badly mistaken. By foolishly conducting threatening military maneuvers near the Kuwaiti border, Baghdad has set back its cause among friend and foe alike.

Iraq's cooperation with United Nations arms inspectors entitles it to seek limited relief from international sanctions - permission to again export oil and amass petrodollars. But the Security Council cannot and must not ease sanctions under duress from military threats. If Iraq is really withdrawing and is now prepared to accept Kuwait's sovereignty and borders, it can again begin trying to persuade Security Council members that lifting oil sanctions sometime next year would be in the best interests of all concerned. But its actions in the past few days have set back its chances of success.

Before Baghdad precipitated the latest crisis by moving at least two elite divisions southward toward the Kuwaiti border, it was making diplomatic gains. UN inspectors reported that Iraq's nuclear, biological and chemical weapons compo-nents and longer-range missiles had been fully located and destroyed. A thorough system for long-term monitoring is ready to go into operation in the coming weeks —if Iraq continues its recent pattern of cooperation with the United Nations.

Such destruction and monitoring of prohibited weapons are the only formal UN requirements for lifting oil sanctions under the Gulf War cease-lire resolution, which was largely drafted by the United States. China, France and Russia have indicated that they might soon be ready

sovereignty and borders. That condition has now become even more important. The other two permanent members of the Security Council, the United States and Britain, oppose any relief at this

to vote to lift oil sanctions. But even these

countries rightly demand that Iraq first firmly and explicitly recognize Kuwait's

time, or perhaps at any time while Saddam remains in power. They argue that he cannot be trusted to continue his cooperation on arms once sanctions have been eased. That objection now carries added weight.

Iraqi diplomats suggest that Baghdad's menacing military moves were meant to cut through this Security Council deadlock. The idea was to set up a deal where guarantees for Kuwait could be traded for a definite promise that sanctions would be lifted. If that was the plan, it has blown up in Iraq's face. Rather than having to explain to impatient allies why it was rewriting the rules on oil sanctions, Washington can now point to Iraq's con-

tinued dangerous unpredictability. Mr. Clinton shows that he has learned the lesson of George Bush's equivocal early response to Iraq's 1990 threats against Kuwait. By quickly moving tens of thou-sands of troops, along with combat air-craft and ships, toward Kuwait, the administration may be able to claim credit for avoiding a possible invasion and war.

This emergency but precautionary de-ployment of U.S. troops falls within the president's constitutional powers as commander in chief. Unlike the recent situation in Haiti, threats to Kuwait clearly affect U.S. national interests, and the president's moves have elicited broad public and congressional support. Still, Mr. Clinton should resist any temptation to strike preemptively at Iraq, and if the military confrontation persists he should

seek explicit congressional endorsement. For Saddam, this crisis demonstrates again that however well he understands Iraqi politics, he badly misreads the outside world. For Mr. Clinton, provided the crisis is now defused with no Americans killed, the episode could turn out to be a pre-election gift. The president has reassured a nervous public that, when it is clearly and urgently needed, he can project force decisively and effectively.

— THE NEW YORK TIMES.

Sanctions Should Stay

Saddam Hussein evidently looked hard during the weekend at the prompt and forceful American response to his provocative movement of troops up to the Ku-wait border. On Monday he announced that he was backing off. Assuming that there are no surprises — and the extra buildup steps that President Bill Clinton announced Monday night are meant to ensure that there are none — the crisis will have provided a good demonstration of the value of sending clear signals to a potential aggressor. The Bush administration wobbled in 1990 to ill effect. The Clinton team avoided ambiguity. It seems there will be no repeat conflict now.

What Saddam Hussein apparently has most on his mind is to end the severe economic sanctions that the United Nations imposed four years ago for his swal-lowing of Kuwait. He had sought to accomplish this result on the cheap by meeting UN standards for policing Iraq's capacity to make especially dangerous weapons. But it had become apparent at the United Nations that he would have to do more - at the least, recognize Kuwait's sovereignty and borders. This touches a prime nationalist issue on which he has consistently refused to

bend. Instead he launched a rash and counterproductive attempt to intimidate Kuwait and its supporters. Now the attempt has failed, rendering even more unlikely any early sanctions relief.

His failure at intimidation may induce him to experiment with withholding his promised cooperation on arms monitoring until sanctions are lifted. The United Nations would have to reject that new linkage and respond with whatever intrusive and punitive military means were found necessary to prevent illegal rearming.

The whole episode has revived debate

on whether to move beyond enforcement of specific UN resolutions on weapons, Kuwait and so forth in order to deal with the Iraqi threat permanently by bringing about the ouster of Saddam Hussein. The weekend nonwar freshened the already compelling case that while Saddam Hussein rules, there can be no abiding stability in his region. Military operations to remove him seem beyond the Gulf War coalition's political reach. But continued sanctions, to limit his military option and embolden would-be coup makers, still make sense. The existing loophole for humanitarian aid should remain open, notwithstanding Saddam's refusal so far to use it. And the sanctions should stay.

-THE WASHINGTON POST.

Other Comment

Iraq, Clinton and U.S. Politics

Whatever its outcome, the new showdown with Saddam Hussein seems bound to work to the advantage of President Bill Clinton, casting his foreign policy in a more resolute light and perhaps bolstering his and his party's popularity before next month's mid-term elections.

Unlike Haiti, Somalia and Bosnia, Iraq is an issue on which American politicians are virtually united. Thus far, even usually unrelenting critics of the President's indecisive style such as the Senate Republican leader Bob Dole have thrown their weight behind the White House. The lone dissenting voice has been that of Ross Perot. As George Bush knows better than

anyone, popularity boosts from besting Saddam Hussein can be shortlived — but a president so often accused of wavering has acted without hesitation. If the climbdown is genuine, he will be given much of the credit.

- Rupert Cornwell, writing in The Independent (London).

Seeing President Bill Clinton's rapid deployment of 36,000 soldiers in the Guif region in response to a possibly exaggerated Iraqi threat, one cannot help but regret that the United States failed to show the same determination sooner in Haiti.

Is it because Saddam Hussein is a much

more fearsome adversary than General Raoul Cédras or than a Somalian warlord that the American president took the risk of exposing GIs' lives to danger in the Gulf? There, Bill Clinton didn't hesitate for a moment to use all available means. He gave the impression that he was leaping at the opportunity offered by the Baghdad dictator. It is true that some of America's allies were ready to vote for an easing of the oil embargo imposed on Iraq, a step firmly opposed by Washington. It is also undeniable that in the Gulf, the stakes were far more important.

Did his waning popularity, and predictions of the Democrats' rout in the legislative elections next month, not, in this case, dictate his actions as president?

- Le Monde (Paris).

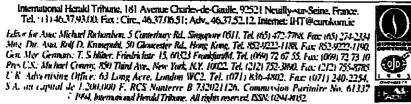


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No Lifeline for Saddam as He Drowns in Unsold Oil

NEW YORK — The heart of the matter is not what Saddam Hussein will do or can do to barass his enemies in the West and Mideast. It is what they can do and will do to destroy him at last.

Will they allow him one more victory so he can return again to threaten the Mideast and the United States next year? Or will they push him finally into the grave he has been digging for himself, his regime and his nation?

Basically that has been the question ever since George Bush made one of the more unusual decisions in history. He allowed an enemy smashed swiftly on the battlefield to remain in power indefinitely, his dictatorship intact and his army strong enough to carry on unceasing warfare against millions of his countrymen.

But by his latest adventure — sending troops to the Kuwaiti border - Saddam Hussein has shown the West his own desperation and its opportunity. Sooner or later many dictators do that.

Baghdad's announcement of the withdrawal of the troops changes neither Saddam's desperation nor the West's choice. It accentuates them.

By A. M. Rosenthal

Until now Saddam used his time since his resurrection by Mr. Bush extremely well. He has rebuilt a substantial part of his army to terrorize his country, kill Kurdish and Shiite rebels and remind the

Muslim world that he is still a power. But one thing prevented him from rebuilding his country as a major economic power, which is the essential step toward again becoming a major military power: the United Nations embargo. It blocked him from selling the oil that had been his indispensable fountain of revenue.

Then, just as the United Nations was about to consider if and when to lift the embargo, Saddam tried to put on heavy pressure — massing troops against Kuwait and tying their removal to the embargo. This forced the Clinton administration to move tens of thousands of troops in preparation for the war that another Iraqi invasion would bring.

Why did Saddam take this dangerous gamble? He has made dreadful mistakes before but not quite this obvious. This

remain in power. That of course meant that he would not remain alive. Saddam also knew that France, Tur-

key and Russia were working to lift the embargo so that they could again do oil business with Iraq. Madeleine Albright, the U.S. represen-

tative to the United Nations, deserves national bouquets for fighting against ending the embargo. But Saddam also knew that ever since the end of the Gulf War European industrialists had been meeting with Iraqi officials to rebuild the reconstruction and arms network that empowered him before the war. They were using their influence to lift the embargo that kept them from the Iraqi treasury.

Saddam was being told by his European friends to lie low and maybe the United States would go along in six months or so. But he could not afford just to wait. The oil embargo was not merely crippling the country but inciting rebellion among civilian Iragis and the armed forces. Laurie Mylroie has reported (IHT Opinion, Oct. 4) that in both the civilian population and

time he had notice that if it came to war. Bill Clinton was not likely to allow him to the military, Saddam has ordered amputa-tion of ears, feet and arms as punishment for rebellion or desertion.

The issue now is not what to do about Iraq if it does invade Kuwait but what to do if it does not. The answer is to tighten the embargo, not loosen it, by insisting that before it can be lifted the Iraqi regime has to end rule by terror against

all Iragis and foreign targets. Saddam Hussein would of course not agree. Without terrorism he could rule for a month perhaps, not much longer. But when the lead army and civilians understand that the embargo will not be lifted with Saddam in power they might take their own lives, and his, into their hands,

The West could destroy Saddam by war. But by his own desperation and stupidity or both, he has shown that he is drowning in his own unsold oil.

Clintonian policy has been exactly right—send in troops in case Saddam is not only desperate but insane, and try to prevent either France, Russia or the death lobby from throwing the man a lifeline as he sinks and sinks and sinks.

The New York Times.

For an Economic Union Linking Russia and Its Western Neighbors

MOSCOW — A principal fea-ture of Russian politics is President Boris Yeltsin's ambiguous attitude toward integration with the former republics of the Soviet Union. Big unanswered questions hover in the air.

With which members of the Commonwealth of Independent States, if any, should Russia integrate? How? On what basis? With what goals? And with what consequences for Russia, those republics and the rest of the world?

America and others might well conclude that a neo-imperialist Russia, catering to an outdated notion of its vital interests, is trying to re-create the defunct Soviet empire through military, political and economic integration.

For this conclusion, blame Russia's chaotic foreign policy and vague priorities, as well as the influence of both Vladimir V. Zhirinovsky, the hard-line nationalist, and the Communists in the country's populist leadership.

When Americans raise objections, Moscow retorts that the United States really does not want today's situation in Russia and the entire post-Soviet region to improve; that it has an interest in doing everything possible to preserve instability.

To prevent confusion about its intentions. Russia must base its policies toward its so-called near abroad on explicitly formulated,

By Grigori A. Yavlinsky The writer, an economist, leads the Yabloko bloc, a democratic opposition party with members in the lower house of the Russian Federal Assembly.

intelligible principles that reflect moral absolutes.

If Russia truly wants to continue being democratic, these should be the principles: the states that appeared after the collapse of the

Russia should base policies toward its socalled near abroad on clear principles that reflect moral absolutes.

Soviet Union must remain politically independent; integration should be voluntary, without any pressure from Russia; economic union should be the basic form of integration - and in Ukraine, Belarus and Moldova the only form.

Why would this approach be practical? First, because neither Russia nor any other post-Soviet country can hope to join the European Community, much less NATO, in the near future. Russia and its neighbors need their own markets, which would provide the sole basis for economic growth in the next five to 10 years.

Second, because economic integration would result in greater social stability throughout the

post-Soviet region. An economic union would need three main features. First, a customs union. This would guarantee free trade and neutralize mono-

polies in these countries. Then a payments union. This would promote convertibility of the currencies and, with help from the central banks, establish and support exchange rates. Of course, this assumes coordination of fiscal and budgetary policies.

A payments union would lead to greater stability of the currency systems and thus to growth of trade, while significantly diminishing the risk of loss through wildly fluctuating exchange rates. Finally, harmonized economic legislation. This would facilitate a

single set of rules and simplify the movement of capital among the several countries. If an economic union is formed,

Russia's economic gains, while not guaranteed, would significantly slow the decline in production and the growth of unemployment. An increase in sales in Commonwealth of Independent States markets would enable Russian enterprises to pay for their own restructuring, enabling them to enter world markets eventually with competitive products.

Russia could temporarily provide gas and oil at a discount to such countries as Ukraine and Belarus. It would cost \$2 billion to \$3 billion a year — a relatively small price to pay for a significant expansion of markets for Russia's industry and agriculture.

What most worries the democratic opposition in Russia is the absence of a clear stand among the country's leaders against military and political integration with Ukraine, Belarus and Moldova the only approach that can truly improve the political situation in the Commonwealth of Independent States and make talk of neoimperialism unfounded. It would also prevent the danger of political schism between the western and eastern parts of Ukraine.

Besides, a clearly expressed de-sire to avoid political and military union with the western countries of the former Soviet Union would weaken the pressure from East European countries for immediate integration with NATO.

Russia has no need for a military union with Ukraine, Belarus or Moldova. No one is threatening it from the west. What it needs first and foremost is cooperation with Ukraine on reducing

The economic scenario I propose might well persuade the United States to reduce its financial aid to Russia, including aid through international financial institutions, and to increase aid proportionately to other former Soviet countries.

In particular, money could go to Ukraine or Belarus — on con-dition of faster market reforms - to support their balance of trade with Russia.

Any support that opened markets for Russia is more beneficial. than direct aid. It would stimulate production in Russia. This would let the Russians work instead of receiving bandouts. And it would support 25 million Russians living in the near abroad.

Is economic integration without political integration possible? Yes. But Russia has to understand that it must refrain from any political union with Ukraine. Belarus and Moldova whatsoever. - even if these states invite it --because there would be only two possible outcomes: failure or neoimperialism.

In view of the discomforting neo-imperialist thinking that is arising in Russia, formation of an economic bloc is the only reasonable compromise.

This comment was translated from the Russian by Antonina W. Bouis for The New York Times.

A Humiliating Smithsonian Retreat From the Facts of Hiroshima

WASHINGTON — It was a humiliating spectacle, the truth. Curators at the Smithsonian's Air and Space Museum in Washington have been compelled by veterans' groups to rewrite the text for an exhibit on the

bombing of Hiroshima. The show, which will feature the forward fuselage of the Enola Gay, the plane that dropped the bomb, is set to open next year for the 50th anniversary of the event. All summer, the museum's cu-

rators faced mounting pressure from the American Legion, the Air Force Association and dozens of politicians. A hostile press portrayed the curators as anti-American, leftist and motivated by their anti-Vietnam War generational instincts rather than scholarship and archival evidence. So late last month the curators bowed to political reality.

WASHINGTON — In the past, U.S. and Japanese negotiators would spend

months hammering out trade

agreements, then years arguing over whether they had been

lived up to. That pattern has

apparently been broken with

the trade agreement signed on

ulatory barriers protecting its medical, insurance and telecom-

munications industries, giving

foreign producers a crack at

those markets. The agreement

seeks a "significant" rise in sales

of competitive foreign products

and services in these key sectors

Disparaging Japanese editori-al writers labeled the agreement

a tamamushi-iro, after a beetle

that appears to change color de-

pending on the angle from which

you see it. Such criticism misses a

If the deal had not been a

tamamushi-iro, there "couldn't

have been an agreement," said Minoru Murofushi, president of

the giant trading company Ito-

chu Corporation. On the "re-

sults" issue, the two sides were

dug in too deeply to retreat.

And if Oct. I had ended with-

out an agreement, the Clinton

administration would have im-

mediately imposed sanctions on

Japanese medical and telecom-

The agreement calls for "pro-

gress" in opening designated

markets, and stipulates bench-

munications firms.

over the next four years.

couple of central points.

Japan promised to lower reg-

Oct. 1 in Washington.

representatives of the American

Legion, they agreed to censor their own historical knowledge. Worse, Smithsonian officials agreed to introduce new language in the text that most historians will regard as flat-out falsehoods.

This is not to defend everything in the original Smithsonian text. It was hardly judicious to describe the Pacific war as a "war of vengeance" for most Americans. But such criticisms are minor compared with what has been

done to promote pure myth.

At the heart of the dispute is the inaccurate but understandable belief of the veterans that the atomic bomb saved their lives from being sacrificed in an invasion of Japan. At the insistence of veterans' groups, the text will now state that 1945 casualty esti-

A New Test for U.S.-Japanese Trade

By Peter Behr

marks that will be used to assess

that progress, such as how cur-rent sales and market share fig-

ures compare to recent trends.

istry official: "Our interpreta-tion is, if the U.S. products are

really competitive in the world

market, then their value and

share in the Japanese market

The test of this agreement's

effectiveness will be pretty sim-

ple. A year from now, call up Medtronic Inc., in Minneapolis,

a billion-dollar manufacturer of

pacemakers and other high-tech medical devices, and ask how

Ask, in particular, about the

Medtronic PCD. It is an "im-

plantable defibrilator" that can

be placed within a patient who has suffered "sudden cardiac

death syndrome," a near-fatal

heart attack. If a new attack oc-

curs, it sends out sharp electrical

impulses to control the heart-

beat. Medtronic calls it a rescue

The device has been cleared

on safety grounds in Japan (as it

has been in America and Eu-

rope), but Japanese medical

cost regulators have not yet in-

cluded it on medical insurance

reimbursement schedules, Med-

tronic says. Without reimburse-

ment, few patients can afford

the \$20,000 plus device.

squad in the patient's chest.

their sales to Japan are going.

will certainly increase."

Said a Japanese Foreign Min-

By Kai Bird many as one million," and that to try to save as many American

lives as possible. Truman chose to

use the atomic bomb." Many scholars — including Barton J. Bernstein, Martin J. Sherwin, Robert Messer, James Hershberg, Gar Alperovitz, Melvyn P. Leffler and Stanley Goldberg — have noted that there is compelling evidence that diplomatic overtures, coupled with assurances on the postwar status of the emperor and the impending entry of the Soviet Union into the war, probably would have led the Japanese to surrender long before an American invasion could be mounted. Unfortunately, all this evidence dribbled out long after

orthodoxy had taken root.
The million-casualty figure was first used by Secretary of War

officials see such delays, they suspect Japan of holding for-cign products back until it can close its gap with the United States in medical technology.

Japanese officials deny such

intent, saying that their caution

in funding expensive new medi-cal technologies is born in part by what has happened to health care costs in the United States.

In the past, the two countries'

negotiators have chased each

other round and round the table

arguing about the meaning of

such delays. As long as the ques-

tion turned on the actions and

motives of Japan's regulators,

resolution was often out of reach.

Now the calculation will be

more direct. Japan's negotiators

agreed to a new approach for

evaluating bids on medical con-

tracts that will help U.S. manu-

facturers whose advanced de-

vices cost more than rival

Japanese products but also de-

liver added value. Japanese gov-

ernment ministries will formally

urge government hospitals and

medical institutions to consider

purchasing foreign products -

a signal that carries real weight.

indeed increase significantly

for "world class" companies

like Medtronic. "We'll get to-

gether a year from now, to see

if the sales have increased."

said a U.S. official. And if they

haven't, "we'll be upset."

ne \$20,000-plus device. The writer covers international When U.S. medical industry trade for The Washington Post.

It follows that sales should

an James Hershberg, the figure "instantly became the orthodox defense for bombing Hiroshima and Nagasaki." No scholar of the war has ever found archival evidence to substantiate claims that Harry Truman expected anything close to a million casualties.

Mr. Bernstein, a Stanford historian who has pored over declassified military planning docu-ments, could not find a worstcase estimate of higher than 46.000 deaths.

J. Samuel Walker, the chief historian for the U.S. Regulatory Commission, has written that "the consensus is that the bomb was not needed to avoid an inva-sion of Japan." He said: "It is clear that alternatives to the bomb existed and that Truman and his advisers knew it."

Mr. Truman's diary, released in 1979, shows that he knew from decoded Japanese cables that the enemy was about to surrender. In the diary, Mr. Truman re-ferred to this intercepted intelli-

gence as the cable from the "Jap Emperor asking for peace." He wrote on July 17, 1945, that he believed Stalin would "be in the Jap war by August 15. Fini Japs when that comes about."

It would seem then that Mr. Truman realized that the war would end long before the United States could mount an invasion of the Japanese home islands, the first phase of which was not scheduled until Nov. 1.

Similarly, General Dwight Ei-

Henry Stimson in a 1946 Harper's senhower, Assistant Secretary of article, but without any supporting War John J. McCloy and many avisers to the pres dent all believed that even without the bomb the war would end. without an invasion. According to Stephen E. Am-

brose, author of a much lauded Eisenhower biography, the Allied commander told Mr. Stimson of his "belief that Japan was already defeated and that dropping the bomb was completely unnecessary." (This quote was removed from the Smithsonian text at the behest of the veterans' groups.)

Historians continue to proffer a wide range of suggestions about why President Truman nevertheless approved the atomic bombing: the Manhattan Project's bureaucratic momentum; a fear of domestic political consequences the war ended with anything less than a bang; the assumption that, as Secretary of State James F. Byrnes told the physicist Leo Szilard, "rattling the bomb might

make Russia more manageable." None of this disparages the patriotism of World War II veterans. But neither should one question the patriotism of scholars who labor in the archives at the difficult task of peeling away layers of historical truth.

The Smithsonian should display history with all its uncomfortable complications and not feel-good national myths.

The writer, author of "The Chairman: John J. McCloy and the Making of the American Establishment," contributed this comment to The New York Times.

IN OUR PAGES: 100, 75 AND 50 YEARS AGO

1894: The Czar's Illness

PARIS — [The Herald says in an editorial:] The illness of the Emperor Alexander III is one of the most important questions in European politics. A belief in the extreme gravity of the situation continues to be rife in political headquarters. For whoever knows the whole of the Czar's family life it is cruelty to discuss, as all the papers in the world are doing, the chances which remain for this husband and father.

1919: Too Near to Beer?

NEW YORK - Combining business with pleasure unalloyed, six Columbia University students have started a twelve-day drinking test of two and three-fourths per cent. near beer. This test is being made on behalf of the brewers, who claim that two and threefourths per cent, beer is non-in-

toxicating, despite the fact that the courts have ruled otherwise. Should this test prove conclusive. it will give the nation's thirst a substitute during the dry years stretching ahead. The House of Representatives to-day [Oct. 11] passed the Prohibition Conference report, making national prohibition effective on January 1.

1944: Palestine Warning LONDON — [From our New York edition:] General Sir Ber-

nard C. Pager, Allied Command er in chief in the Middle East, and J. V. W. Shaw, British officer administering the Palestine government, charged in a communique that Jewish terrorists are aiding that Jewish terrorists are atting the enemy by committing crimes of violence in the Holy Land. If the situation is not immediately remedied, the communique said it will "bring shame and dishonor, on the Jewish people as a whole."

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Of Green Teeth and Great Men

WASHINGTON — So far By Edwin M. Yoder Jr.

Washing the state of the st "All great men are bad men."

You could hardly disprove public policies. that notion from the pages of The Private Life of Chairman Mao," a new book about the Chinese revolutionary written by the physician who attended him in the last 20 years of his life. U.S. News & World Report has a long, riveting excerpt in its Oct. 10 issue.

Here we find all sorts of choice clinical details about the turning the reticence of Victoriold tyrant's private medical life. Like most south Chinese peas-ants, writes Dr. Li Zhi-sui, for instance, Mao never brushed his teeth, with the result that the few he retained were green and his gums so infected that they exuded pus to the touch.

for hours in polluted rivers, amid plained" by a psychic complex. the raw sewage and dangerous parasites. The old lether, while preaching the puritanical life of revolutionary self-denial to the Churchill's personal physician, millions, kept a harem of lus Lord Moran, published a very cious young women for group long book about that great sex. When he died of Lou Gehman's medical history — his rig's disease, they pickled him in "black dog" depressions unaformaldehyde and made a wax required steady pill-popping, his strokes and heart attacks.

tell which was which. Et cetera. you could easily suppose that mered into the coffins of Lenin, ical detail is to miss its essence. Stalin and Hitler, this is it. The Churchill's bodily life was a

Here we have another example of the recent tendency to explain the lives of all "great men" in pathological terms. Digestive tracts and glands become the sovereign determinants of character and history, an biography on its head.

"Pathography," someone has cleverly called the form: skewed biographical writing that reduces good and evil to bodily or psychic warps. It is cousin to "psychobiography" that was the rage for a while, when It was Mao's pleasure to swim everything could be "ex-

But how much does patho-graphy really explain? A quarter century ago, Sir Winston

My first reaction was this: If this great spirit who held civiliwe needed a last nail for the zation together in 1940 was a coffin of the 20th century colos- leaky bag of chronic ailments. si of totalitarianism, deadlier But if character has meaning, to even than those already ham- overwhelm it with clinical med-

fat, degenerate old peasant part of him, no doubt, as bodily



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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ment of 40 percent since 1980.

Despite population growth,

daily calorie supplies increased

from 1,660 in the early 1960s to

guarantee that this trend will

continue, it does show the re-

markable strength and momen-

watch Institute have been criti-

cized for having cried wolf too

often, but it should be acknowl-

edged that many of the warn-

ings — for example, on the fuel-wood crisis — triggered

remedial action that probably

prevented some of the admon-

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International Agricultural

Regarding "Back Russian Re-

form and Its Sensible Advocates,

Not a Weak Yeltsin" (Opinion,

Mr. Steele shows about as

Sept. 27) by Jonathan Steele:

much understanding of eco-nomics as those in Russia he

advocates supporting. Prime

Minister Viktor Chernomyrdin

is a classic example of a Soviet-

era industrial bureaucrat learn-

ing economics on the job. His

"caution" regarding reform is not a product of wisdom and

learning but of uncertainty at

what he is doing. The "com-

mon-sense moderation" to

which Mr. Steele refers is a con-

sequence of Mr. Chernomyr-

din's juxtaposition between

sensible economic advisers,

who recommend austerity and

anti-inflationary measures, and

big industrial bosses lobbying

the government for a handout.

simply, greater public spending.

But since the money has to come

from somewhere, this means ei-

ther increased central bank cred-

its to clapped-out enterprises,

which would result in higher in-

Russian public.

Mr. Steele's "socially orient-

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ished consequences.

Russian Economics

Lester Brown and the World-

tum of China's agriculture.

While there is, of course, no

2,640 in the early 1990s.

China Can Feed More

Regarding "Question for 2030: Who Will Be Able to Feed China?" and "When China's Scarcities Become the World's Problem" (Opinion, Sept. 28 and 29) by Lester R. Brown:

Mr. Brown makes the important point that China's food production has physical limits. China is already intensively using its limited soil and water, its level of fertilizer consumption per hectare is three times the U.S. level.

But while it is true that future population and income growth will lead to an expansion of settlements, infrastructure and industrial areas, the impact on agricultural capacity might be less dramatic than Mr. Brown believes, Since 1973, China has lost 4 percent of its arable land, but it has expanded its permanent pastures by 30 percent and land

under irrigation by 10 percent. Population and industrial growth reduce water availability for agriculture. However, the waterlogging and salinity problems mentioned by Mr. Brown indicate less than optimal water use in irrigation. Water-saving management and technology could help avoid environmental degradation, irrigate more land with available water and reclaim some degraded lands.

Mr. Brown sees China's rice yields stagnating at about 4 tons per hectare. According to UN Food and Agriculture Organization data, China's rice vields are close to 6 tons per hectare and have risen since 1980 at about 3 percent a year. North Korea, incidentally, achieves an average rice yield of 8 tons per hectare.

China's long-term food security will, because of the size of its population, depend on how closely demand and domestic production trends can be matched. On the demand side, it appears that per-capita rice consumption is leveling off and - with increasing affluence and rising consumer preference for higher-value foods - might even decline, as has been the case in Japan and Korea. On the production side, China's

per-capita food production has

dence with Bishop Creighton. This doctor's memoir shows for a time misleadingly depict-We sometimes forget that he that Mao's corrupt and self-in- ed as the addled victim of his added, to reinforce the point: dulgent private life was a mirror failing cardiovascular system in of the cruelty that marked his the last stages of World War II.

Pathography, fascinating as My somewhat more compli- are the aches and pains and carcated second thought - not nal quirks of the great and powthat it cancels the first - is this: erful explains little, either about great vice (Mao) or great virtue (Churchill and Roosevelt).

Historically, the roots of Mao and Maoism are to be sought not in the old man's digestion or his sex life but in his historical illusions. He pursued a Chinese version of revolutionary rationalism, the great 20th century heresy, the special conceit of those who think human beings are made to be molded to a formula of their own invention, and who believe themselves appointed by God or destiny to wreak their designs on history.

Pathography may capture a minor part of the story, but it cannot account for Mao's impact on China and the world in our time. We forget that at our peril, for we have not see the last of political messiahs. Washington Post Writers Group.

By Robert Whiting

KAMAKURA, Japan — The long baseball season is finally at an end. On Oct. 22, the two league champions will face each other in the first game of the annual best-of-seven fall classic to determine the professional baseball championship.

Unfortunately for Americans, I am talking about Japan — a nation where such things as player strikes happily do not occur and citizens look askance at

countries where they do. "We really can't understand how you could let such a thing happen," the

MEANWHILE novelist and baseball fan Masayuki

Tamaki said of the collapse of the 1994 season in the United States. "Don't the players in your country ever think they are paid too much?"
As an American living in Japan —
and one who has followed U.S. major

league baseball with some disgust through numerous walkouts and lockouts - I have come to appreciate the Japanese alternative, even though the level of play may be a notch below that of the United States. Despite talk of a new individualism among younger Japanese, it is still a country where social responsibilities generally come before individual rights.

The baseball players' union over the years has steadfastly declined

to exercise its strongest weapon. "We will never strike." a former player representative declared. "It wouldn't be fair to the fans or the owners." And there are also, incredibly enough, baseball free agents who refuse to leave their teams.

Free agency came about last year, and only because owners thought they needed to change the dynamics of the leagues to compete for fan support with the popular new professional soccer league, which has a free-agent pro-vision. Players are not eligible until they serve 10 full seasons. Instead of the exodus of players seen

in the United States, only four of 59 eligible players signed with new teams. The response of Manabu Kitabeppu, a veteran pitcher with the Hiroshima Carp, was typical. "I have an obligation to Hiroshima," he said. "Japan can not simply adopt the business

ways of the Americans."
Former U.S. major leaguers who play in Japan invariably argue that Japanese players are letting themselves be used by management. And in Americans terms, perhaps they are.

Despite the widespread popularity of the game -annual attendance of 20 million, nightly nationwide telecasts with high ratings — the average play-

Music to Their Fans' Ears: 'We Will Never Strike'

work a lot harder for their paychecks. They practice on travel days and off days. There is a month-long post-season autumn camp and compulsory "voluntary training" in January.

They must also subject themselves to the paternalistic rule of the front office, which frowns on player agents and multi-year contracts and controls all player endorsements. The 20-yearold Tokyo Giants' star Hideki Matsui even needed permission to begin driving his car to and from the stadium.

Yet few Japanese players are protesting. Although their union has expressed a desire for higher pay and better pension benefits, and has shown support for the striking U.S. players, it is clear that money is not the only important thing to them.

Many players are driven by a need to belong. "Baseball is a world of duty and humanity," said Hiromichi Ishige, captain of the Seibu Lions. "To evaluate oneself just by money and sell oneself at the highest price, that's business'

With the possibility of the strike in the United States extending into next season, there is talk of big-name American free agents looking to Japan. Paul O'Neill, a New York Yankee, has already expressed his interest. Other

er's salary is only one-third that of the U.S. baseball major leagues.

Moreover, Japanese players have to long been a fixture here in Japan; there is a limit of three per team. In general, they are better reimbursed than their

Japanese teammates and a source of resentment if the performance does not match the income. The former Detroit Tiger Rob Deer signed a record \$2.7 million contract this year, only to find himself unable to hit Japanese pitching. He was re-

leased with a batting average of .151, Now, with many cash-rich Japanese owners ready to splurge on American talent, the gap between American and Japanese salaries will grow. The logical question for Americans

is, will that be enough to finally spur the union to action? Will Japanese free agents take the unprecedented step of trying their hand in the United States? Most Japanese think not.

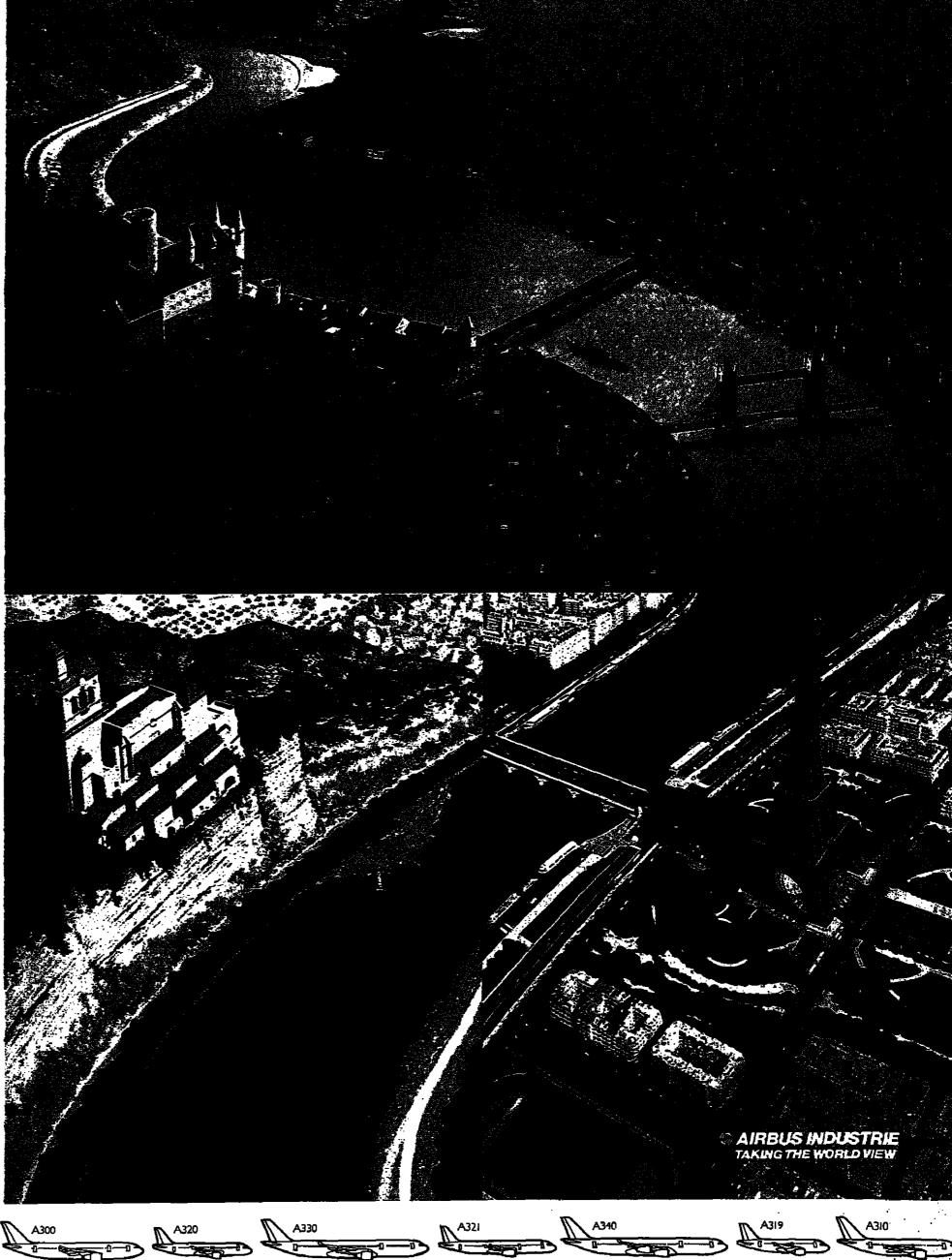
"I can't think of anything that will make them do that," said Kozo Abe, the sports editor of the daily Yukan "They might not like the situation, but it's just not the Japanese way to make waves.

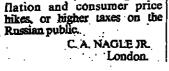
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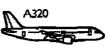
The writer is author of "You Gotta Have Wa," about Japanese basehall. He contributed this comment to The New

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Pistol Was Carried Between Sect Killings

By Alan Riding
New York Times Service

GENEVA — Swiss police concluded Tuesday that one or more people partici-pated in the deaths of 23 members of a religious sect in one Swiss village last week and then drove 150 kilometers through the night to another village, where soon afterward 25 more sect members lost their lives.

The police also confirmed the death of a second leader of the so-called Order of the Solar Temple, but investigators conceded they were still no closer to understanding what happened in the farming village of Cheiry and the mountain hamlet of Granges-sur-Salvan last week.

There is evidence of murder, not least in the bullet wounds in 20 of the 23 bodies found at Cheiry. And there are indications

that some victims committed suicide, not only in a letter in which one victim said she had come to Switzerland to die, but also in

the sect's doomsday teachings.
On Tuesday, the police said a .22-caliber pistol with a silencer found at Granges-sur-Salvan was one of the weapons used at Cheiry, thus confirming that one or more people left Cheiry after the first deaths. But did he or they go to Granges-sur-Salvan to die or to oversee the next stage of the drama?

Without knowing whether he is alive. Swiss police are hunting the sect's spiritual leader, Luc Jouret, 46, a Belgian physician last seen in Granges-sur-Salvan on Oct. 4. If his body is among several badly burned victims still to be identified, the case will become even more baffling.

"Until all the bodies have been identified, his arrest warrant still stands." a police spokesman said. "He is definitely still being sought." Police in France, Martinique, Canada and Australia, where Mr. Jouret frequently traveled and still may have followers, have also been alerted.

On Tuesday, the police said Camille Pilet, a former executive of the Piaget watch company, was among the dead at Cheiry. Mr. Pilet, who lived in Monaco, financed many of the sect's operations and paid for a dinner attended by a dozen sect

leaders 10 days ago.

On Monday, police said they had identified the body of Joseph di Mambro, a French-Canadian who joined forces with Mr. Jouret in 1984 to form what was then known as Solar Tradition.

gime's leaders.

London.

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directorates to shake the re-

That tactic, used last year in

retaliation for an Iraqi plot to

kill President George Bush,

might be revived in a prolonged

bringing them forward again a

few weeks later," said Andrew

is now at the International In-

logical and economic attrition.

the United States could seek to

impose an exclusion zone in

STRIKE: RUBLE: Russian Currency Plunges in Selling Frenzy Option for U.S.?

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borrowing rubles for speculation more expensive.

In official trading on the Moscow Interbank Currency Exchange, the ruble fell to 3.926 to the dollar from 3,081 at the close on Monday, a decline of 21.5 percent. Later in the day. traders said dollars were selling for more than 4,000 rubles, and at a few currency exchanges on the street for 5,000 rubles.

"It may have started as something else, but at this point the market is driven simply by excessively speculative forces and the way they see the actions of the authorities," said Maarten Pronk, the managing director in Moscow for ING Bank of the Netherlands.

Martin Andersson, the president of Brunswick, a Moscowbased, Swedish-owned brokerage firm, said the central bank ficult to explain the central would have to act forcefully to bank's lack of aggressive re-

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About 160 tons of World

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vage budget this year is \$8.4

million, sufficient only to

scratch the surface of one of

bombed cities.

area with glass and masonry.

retain any credibility in the

"If they take some decisive actions, that will be a very good sign," Mr. Andersson said. "If they passively watch the market destroy the value of the ruble, it will be a bad sign that will lead to higher inflation."

In Moscow, hard currency stores that accept rubles at the market rate closed down during the day, unwilling to accept the currency while it was falling several percent an hour.

"I wouldn't call it a panic, but just a very cruel reality." said Alexei A. Obozintsev, the head of hard currency operations at Tokobank, one of Russia's largest financial institutions. "It's an extraordinary change in the market situation that will have an effect on every

Russian citizen. Analysts said that it was dif-

for four years, but they have hardly made a dent in its 385

hectares (960 acres). Currently,

War II debris was pulled from the Brandenburg Gate, because naissance pilots took countless

Berlin soil last year, ranging many new government facilities rolls of aerial photographs to from soldiers' helmets to bombs in Berlin will be built near assess the bombing damage

The 18-member team stakes

in Berlin will be built near

out lanes and then glides back

and forth with a metal detector,

supposedly capable of detecting

down. The men typically cover

history's most relentlessly a bottle cap nearly six meters

Mr. Harvey and his crew, for nearly 835 square meters (1,000

example, have been methodi- square yards) a day, at a cost to

cally combing the Tiergarten the city of roughly \$6,500.

pressure from large exporters to devalue the currency in order to make their goods less expensive on world markets, or at least to make the current level of exports more profitable.

A cheaper ruble also would mean that new loans to industry and to cover the budget deficit would be worth less in dollar terms, making them less worri-"People might have to think again if Saddam starts playing a 'cat-aud-mouse game, with-drawing his forces and then some to such Western institutions as the International Monetary Fund.

While some economists said the ruble had become somewhat overvalued this year, they said such a sharp fall created an impression of economic instability just as Russia seemed to be getting its economic bear-

"If their objective was to make a quick and painful deval-uation to a level defined by export requirements, they've done a good job," Mr. Andersson

said. "If their objective was to brake the ruble's decline over sponse so far. They said that the stabilize inflation, they certain-the next few days if it is to government had been under ly have not." BOMBS: For Wary Searchers, World War II Lives On

assess the bombing damage.

City authorities today have

about 6,000 black-and-white

British archives. Analysts study

photos from American and

them to determine where

bombs either exploded - pro-

ducing sizable craters — or did

not — thus leaving only small

holes punched in the ground or

ban on heavy weapons around Sarajevo, Bosnia-Herzegovina. Officials said that before U.S. forces start knocking out Baghdad's equipment in south-ern Iraq, the Clinton adminis-Ironically, the combat planes that visited such devastation tration would want backing have also provided critical help from UN Security Council resthey are focused on the park's in rooting out unexploded olutions. east end, about 300 meters from bombs. During the war, recon-

Right now, Mr. Duncan and most officials said, Kuwait can be defended with U.S. air power. U.S. ground forces arriving in Kuwait can use the crisis to check their prepositioned heavy equipment and help train Kuwaiti forces.

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cations facilities or intelligence James Kelman, of Glasgow.

Booker Prize Is Awarded To Scotsman

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches LONDON - The Scottish writer James Kelman won Brit-

Duncan, a retired colonel, who ain's most prized literary honor stitute of Strategic Studies in on Tuesday night for "How Late It Was, How Late," a Mr. Saddam may have startblack comedy about a blind ed a waiting game, hoping that by causing U.S. military costs to mount. Washington will make a deal on sanctions. drunk that is peppered with ex-

Accepting the £20,000 (\$32,000) Booker Prize, Mr. Faced with a war of psycho-Kelman, a self-educated Scot who once worked as a bus conductor and building laborer, launched into an impassioned southern Iraq similar to the UN plea for Scots not to be culturally drowned by the English.

At a dinner attended by London literati at the Guildhall, Mr. Kelman said: "My culture and my language have the right to exist and no one has the authority to dismiss that."

He added: "One of the remaining freedoms we have as writers is the blank page. Nobody can prescribe how we should fill it whether by good or

bad intention." The Booker Prize, established in 1968, is awarded each year for the best novel written in English and published for the first time in Britain by a British publisher. Mr. Kelman's book beat out works by five other (Reuters, AP) nominees.

AUSTRIA: Far-Right Leader Predicts Rise to Power Mr. Haider said he had already suffered the consequences of ment, and we will fight his polisuffered the consequences of

made him a rising star on the Austrian political scene. praising the Nazi leader. "I was misunderstood," he He called Tuesday for a ban said. "What I said was that beon all immigration except for tween 1933 and 1936 Hitler had a successful policy on unem- ed for Austria's forthcoming political refugees from the former Yugoslavia, saying "we ployment. I didn't mean to supshould give no permission for port Nazism."

people to come in until the level On Tuesday, he claimed the on unemployment here is rereal level of unemployment in Austria was 5.8 percent, rather But Mr. Haider said he was than the officially stated level of willing to disassociate himself 4.4 percent, Citing housing from such extreme right parties shortages in Vienna and a as the neo-Fascists in Italy, the threat to jobs, he said "we have Republicans in Germany and to stop immigration until unthe National Front in France. employment is reduced to un-He said he was grateful, howevder 5 percent." er, for the congratulations of-Although insisting that in fered this week by Jean-Marie

drugs and crime."

foreigners are my friends," he politician. also said that foreigners should he would remain in opposition He contended that his natural allies in Europe included the Christian Democrats led by in schools. He also argued that Chancellor Helmut Kohl in Germany, whom he said he had

He also denied that he was

Le Pen, the French far-right

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duced.'

either a racist or a neo-Nazi, but he repeated earlier praise for the employment policies intro-duced in the 1930s by Hitler.

As far as Hitler-era employment policies are concerned.

TOPICS

Florida Poll Defeats

'Cultural Superiority'

Three Christian Coalition-

backed school board candi-

dates who favored teaching

students that American cul-

ture is superior to all others

were soundly defeated in the

Republican primary election

Their moderate Republi-

can opponents, as well as the

Democrats vying for three open seats on the five-mem-

ber panel in November, all

have pledged to overturn the

so-called America-first poli-

cy, which was adopted by the

Lake County School Board in

May but never went into ef-

The people turned out the extremists," said Keith Mul-

lins, co-chairman of People

for Mainstream Values --

formed expressly for the Sept.

8 primary and the runoff of

last week. Lake County in

central Florida has farms, cit-

rus groves, mobile homes and

about 150,000 people, many

of them reurees.

in Lake County, Florida.

alition, complained, "Now, the America-first policy will be reversed, and they'll prob-

some sections of Vienna "these

instruction. The conservative majority also rolled back property taxes, cut school financing, delayed construction of new schools and froze teachers'

The teachers' union, the Lake County Education Association, had sued to throw out the cultural superiority policy, contending it violates a state law requiring the teaching of respect and ap-

Short Takes

A New York policewoman trying to blend in at a bar bought a beer, which quali-fied her for a drawing for a \$14,000 Plymouth Neon automobile. She won. "There are people within the department who take a conservative view that she shouldn't keep the car," Deputy Commissioner Walter Mack said. "I'm hoping the Board of Ethics determines she can keep it." Until there's a rul-

terview Tuesday that while he

Why are babies especially

not be allowed to account for as long as the Austrian People's more than 30 percent of classes Party is led by Vice Chancellor Erhard Busek, But Alois Mock, "the real problem is people a fellow member of the Austrifrom Turkey, India and North an People's Party and Austria's Africa who are involved in foreign minister, said in an in-In response to Mr. Haider, an expected his party to form a aide to Mr. Vranitzky said new coalition with Mr. Vran-Tuesday night: "Mr. Haider's itzky's Social Democrats, he accusations are completely un- would not rule out a future allifounded when it comes to the ance with Mr. Haider.

cies on immigration and on the

Mr. Haider said he was un-

happy with the terms negotiat-

membership in the European Union, especially on issues con-

cerning agriculture and the en-

Seeking to portray himself as a moderate "liberal conserva-

tive" in favor of privatization,

health care and social security

reforms; and a free market

economy, Mr. Haider accused

Mr. Vranitzky of failing to gov-ern in recent years. "He has

governed by nondecision," he

Mr. Haider made clear that

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AMERICAN John Dowless, state field director for the Christian Coing, the bright red car will sit on a dealership lot. The officer was not identified.

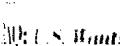
> lovable when they're asleep? ably want more explicit sex Aside from the fact that they're less troublesome that way, Robert Wright, a geneticist and author of "The Moral Animal," told The Washington Post, it may be all in the genes — that parents are programmed to keep a close eye on sleeping babies since they are especially vulnerable then, unable to cry and crawl away at the approach of danger. Mr. Wright said, "The sensation of 'Oh, they're so cute' would be your genes saying you should be espepreciation for other cultures. cially vigilant now, you should not stray far."

> > For years, she has loved parties. For weeks, she has been Truly Boring. It happened when Truly Gold married Cary S. Boring last month and took his name. "I'm really not boring," said Mrs. Boring, 24. "I can be the life of any party." But, she says, "People are already coming up with names for children we could have." The most frequent suggestions: Really, Very and Totally. International Herald Tribune.

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By Elaine Sciolino New York Times Service

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NEWS ANALYSIS

M. Harder made dec A STATE OF THE STA ated an economic crisis so des-Ed by Vice the perate that Mr. Saddam felt cornered. But instead of recognizing the sovereignty and the The state of the s the ball and the borders of Kuwait, a condition set by the United Nations for easing the sanctions, he moved 70,000 troops toward the country that his troops invaded in

That troop mobilization highlights the policy failure: Three years after the end of the Gulf War, Mr. Saddam remains firmly entrenched in power.

The result is that even if Iraq is pulling its troops away from Kuwait, Mr. Saddam will have destroup he The proved once again that he can force the United States to send tens of thousands of troops to confront him; if he is not removed from power, he will prove he is a political survivor the state of They

In his 15 years as president, Mr. Saddam has ruled by ruthlessly suppressing all opposition. But his government does not rule by terror alone. It has survived because it has always been supple enough to respond to the basic physical needs of the people. The philosophy of governing is best expressed in two Arabic words: tarhib (terror) and targhib (enticement).

But in the past year, that delicate structure has crumbled.

There was only terrorizing. said Amatzia Baram, chairman of the Department of Middle command. East History at Haifa Universi-

ty. "There was no longer entice-

Mr. Saddam was forced by the sanctions to allow the United Nations to scrap his weap-At the second penalty on soft mass destruction, set up an elaborate and humiliating March and party " Box ... monitoring system of his arms industry, and take increasingly tough economic measures. That hurt the Iraqi people, fueled discontent and brought him to what some Iraqi scholars say was an inevitable decision to take dramatic action.

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ing that American officials were

eager to hear other ideas from

We are looking at ways to

the Security Council members.

kind of move them back and

make sure that they stay behind

a certain area so that we are not

faced with this kind of thing

again," a senior U.S. official

Perry called a weapons exclu-

sion zone "a viable option" and said it could be patrolled from

the air "for some number of

years, depending on the situa-

Mr. Perry said late Monday

that the United States could not accept and would not accept the

possibility of being "pinned

After Mr. Clinton's order

Monday night sending B-52 bombers, F-117 Stealth fighters

and scores of other military air-

craft to the Gulf. American officials appeared on television Tuesday to reiterate that the

Pentagon and White House

were considering a military

about a preemptive strike,

Mrs. Albright said. She said the

United States, under existing UN resolutions, had the au-

thority to act alone but could

turn to the Security Council for

broader exclusion zone in

"additional support."

"Definitely, we are talking

down" in the Gulf.

Defense Secretary William J.

After retail prices soared last "He was running out of time year, Mr. Saddam decided to and patience and had to do accept Security Council Reso- something to convince his peolution 715, which set up the ple he was in charge and taking weapons-inspection system; as action to get the sanctions lift-States illustrates both the suc- a result of his compliance, he ed. Sooner or later something promised his people, sanctions like this was going to happen.

would "dissipate." Instead, the sanctions re- convinced that even if he com-The success is that two mained in place, and prices successive administrations have sourced again. Even Mr. Saddam's son Uday used his news- low the Security Council to ease paper, Babil, to criticize offi- sanctions. He ignored repeated cials who promoted compliance advice from France, Turkey with the UN demands, although he never attacked his support the lifting of some father by name. support the lifting of some sanctions if he would fulfill Se-

After the Iraqi dinar lost half its value in May, Uday Hussein criticized Iraq's prime minister and finance minister for their inability to control inflation.

So Mr. Saddam added the portfolio of prime minister to his responsibilities as president. commander-in-chief and head of the Arab Ba'ath Socialist Party. He also turned the ruling Revolutionary Command Council into an economic body that made decisions on such issues as how much sugar should

The economic crisis worsened last month, when the Security Council again decided not to lift the sanctions. On Sept. 25, Mr. Saddam halved monthly food rations, and food prices doubled in one day.

The economic pressure coincided with mounting political pressure. In September of last year, there were reports that a bomb had exploded in front of Mr. Saddam's motorcade in Baghdad; last May, a car bomb exploded at a place where his motorcade was expected to

Purges and executions fol-lowed each incident, and during recent months, Mr. Saddam has even purged officials from the Duri clan, a center of his support, and the clan of Izzat Ibrahim, officially his second in

He has answered each seiback with more stringent proclamations: He has imposed strict Islamic punishments of amputations of a hand or a foot for thievery and has announced that deserters from the armed forces risk losing one or both ears. A repeat deserter may have an "X" branded on his

forehead. "Iraq has been a sleeper,"

said Phebe Marr, a senior fellow at the National Defense University and a historian who has written extensively on Iraq.

televised speech Monday night that Mr. Saddam could not be

trusted and that "actions, not

words" would guide U.S. deci-

threaten its neighbors or to in-timidate the United Nations,"

According to U.S. cabinet of-

ficials, the exclusion zone could

ban tanks, artillery and other

Since the end of the Gulf

War, an exclusion zone has ex-

isted prohibiting Iraqi aircraft below the 32d parallel, roughly

the southern third of Iraq. A

similar no-flight zone exists in

Aircraft from the Gulf War

coalition, primarily from the United States, Britain and

France, have been patrolling

those exclusion zones for years and could be given orders to

destroy any heavy ground weapons in the zone, U.S. offi-

General Shalikashvili said

that a heavy-weapons exclusion

zone in the Iraqi desert would

be easier to police than a similar

UN exclusion zone around the

cials indicated Tuesday.

"We will not allow Iraq to

sion making.

Mr. Clinton said.

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southern Iraq resulted from Washington's urgent desire to avoid situations in which Mr. threaten its neighbor or to in-timidate the United Nations." ddam could repeatedly prooke an expensive and risky U.S. deployment to the Gulf. Mr. Clinton declared in a brief

With its forces stretched thin, the Pentagon is reluctant to station thousands of U.S. troops in

the harsh Kuwaiti desert indefinitely as a precaution against a new threat from the north, as it off-limits to Iraqi forces. That does with its 37,000-member force in South Korea.

The Pentagon's problem reed to the problem in his address 1991 Gulf War, when one of the on Monday, without saying Bush administration's greatest concerns was that the bracis "We will not allow Iraq to before the allies began the war,

. Journalists Are Beaten Near Basra

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches

BASRA, Iraq - Journalists heading to the Kuwait border on a trip organized by the Iraqi government were ambushed, robbed and threatened with death by gunmen in southern Iraq.

The journalists were traveling by bus to report on the tensions at the border when five gunmen stopped their bus on the highway. They robbed the passengers, including jour-nalists from Reuters, CNN and Agence France-Presse, of television cameras, watches, jewelry and at least \$4,500 in cash.

One gunman then forced everyone off the bus and ordered the Iraqi men to strip off their clothes.

The journalists said the gunmen initially said they would put all the passengers back on the bus and blow it up. Instead, they shot out the tires and fled. The driver then changed the tires and proceeded to the city of Basra.

(AP, Rewers)

Iraqi Acts Shed Doubt on Lifting Ban

By Julia Preston

UNITED NATIONS, New York -- Iraq's military maneuvers near Kuwait have soured its chances for a sympathetic hearing anytime soon on lifting the oil embargo, diplomats said Tuesday, But the United Nations Security Council remains divided over whether to ease the sanctions at a later date.

One of Saddam Hussein's apparent purposes in moving troops toward Kuwait was to show frustration with the sanctions and give an idea of what Iraq was capable of doing if the

oil embargo was not eased. The 15 Security Council members rejected Iraq's clumsy attempt to intimidate them. But they differed over how lasting the damage would be to Iraq's trade embargo that has devastated its economy.

Ironically, Iraq's troop movements wrecked its prospects for reaping immediate gains from the one area in which it has shown good will: the destruc-tion of its most lethal weapons.

One catalyst to the current crisis was a six-month report issued Tuesday by the UN commission overseeing the disman-tling of weapons. The chairman of the commission, Rolf Ekeus, reported that a system for longterm monitoring of Iraq's weapons industry was "provisionally operational.

The report, which Mr. Ekeus

called "fundamentally posi-uve," concluded that there was "cause for optimism" if Iraq continued with "the same level of cooperation" that it had given so far. The panel said it had accounted for all of Iraq's Scud missiles, destroyed its chemical weapons and largely crippled its biological capabilities.

"My honest assessment is we had an excellent chance to get lifting or easing, say, in a six-months' time period," Mr. Ekeus said, "Now the trust in Iraq may be undermined by the steps they took.

Russia and France, two of the five permanent Security Council members, had been prepared to give Iraq a public pat on the back for its weapons progress as the first diplomatic step toward easing sanctions. effort to get relief from the But neither country was ready to say any kind word about Baghdad this week,

The United States jumped on the chance to reinforce its argument that Iraq should get no break from the sanctions until it had established a clear record of compliance with the full range of UN resolutions.

Washington's view is that before the oil embargo can be reconsidered, Baghdad must stop its attacks on Kurdish and Shiite minorities; recognize the UN-drawn borders and the sovereignty of Kuwait; return Kuwaiti prisoners and property. and improve its human rights

Kuwaiti officials visiting the French frigate Georges Ley-gues after it arrived Tuesday in Kuwait City's port.

Long-Term, How to Keep Iraq at Bay?

By Michael R. Gordon

Mr. Saddam was apparently

plied with the UN resolutions,

the United States would not al-

curity Council resolutions and

recognize Kuwait and its bor-

that Iraq's isolation from the

sea was a cruel accident of colo-

found it particularly galling af-

ter the Gulf War when the

United Nations formally re-

drew the Kuwaiti border to give part of Iraq's only port, at

Umm Qast, to Kuwait.
"Had Saddam come up with

a satisfactory statement on Ku-

wait, the coalition would have

softened further and compelled

the United States to confront

the sanctions issue," said Ms.

Marr. "But he didn't, and my

interpretation is that he wasn't

nial history.

Instead, he has always said

So it is not surprising that he

WASHINGTON - Even if Iraq pulls its forces back from the Kuwait border, as its diplomats said it had done on Tuesday, Baghdad's troop move-ments have created a new problem for the Pentagon: how to ensure that Iraqi troops not only withdraw from the border but also keep a respectful dis-

An Iraqi withdrawal, which U.S. intelligence has not yet confirmed, may help ease the

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immediate sense of crisis, but it could create a longer-term

The question for the Pentagon is how to prevent Iraq from renewing its threat to Kuwait yet again and forcing Washing-ton to respond by sending thousands of troops to the distant Gulf at each new provocation. President Bill Clinton allud-

how it should be resolved. "Our policy is clear," he said.

But the broad deployment of 356 warplanes that he announced suggested that the administration was not merely de-

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Iraqis to move their troops well rolled back to nonthreatening

William J. Perry said on U.S. television, adding: "So, no. we do not plan to keep them there. We want to resolve this crisis."

Nor does the Pentagon want to be hostage to President Saddam Hussein's whims and rush forces to the area every time the Iraqi leader moves a couple of divisions. Creating a credible time-consuming and logistical-

calls the months before the would withdraw from Kuwait continue to menace the Middle East and dare Washington to try to establish a large military presence in the conservative

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away from the Kuwait border.

"I have no desire to keep a large military force there for a long time," Defense Secretary

force in Kuwait is a costly, ly demanding enterprise.

states of the Gulf.

fending Kuwait but was also administration official said, is gon officials said Washington preparing to put pressure on the to ensure that "Iraqi troops are would proceed with the deployment until it was clear that Iraq positions." Once this crisis had indeed removed its threat. passes, the Pentagon wants

some breathing room. One plan being developed is to establish a demilitarized zone in southern Iraq that would be would, in effect, replicate on the ground the no-flight zones the United States established in southern and northern Iraq af-

ter the Gulf War. Such a zone, which would be established by the United Nations and enforced by the United States and its allies, would give the Pentagon some protection against future Iraqi threats.

To keep the pressure on Iraq to withdraw its troops, meanwhile, the Pentagon has continued its military deployment. Senior Pentagon officials

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Nor is 36,000 the upper limit. If Iraq continues to menace Ku-

wait with its Republican Guard divisions, the U.S. deployment could double to about 70,000 or so, Pentagon officials said. Complementing its deployment of ground troops, the Pen-

tagon on Monday sent more warplanes, including 66 F-16 fighter jets and 42 A-10s, which are equipped with Gatling guns with armor-piercing shells and anti-tank missiles. The Pentagon is also sending 36 F-15E and 18 F-111F jets. Those planes are equipped with laser guided bombs, and were used against Iraqi tanks and other targets in the Gulf War.

The Pentagon also ordered o said the administration was B-52 bombers to Diego Garcia, sending 36,000 troops. Penta- an island in the Indian Ocean-

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FACTORIES OF DEATH: Japanese Biological Warfare 1932-45 and the American Cover-Up

By Sheldon Harris. 297 pages. £25. Routledge.

Reviewed by George Hicks T N 1981, the American newspaperman John Powell opened the eyes of the English reading world with a series of articles on Japan's biological warfare experiments and attempts by the United States to conceal all knowledge of it.

Eight years later, the British journalists Peter Williams and David Wallace published what appeared at the time to be a definitive work: "Unit 731: Ja-chives around the world has

Canabere be anything new to say? The decade that Professor Sheldon Harris, a U.S. historian, has devoted to the subject

has not been wasted. Barring the unlikely discovery of major new primary sources, his will surely be the classic work for many years to come.

The story he tells is basically similar to that of Williams and Wallace. Japanese biological and chemical warfare stations in Manchuria and China used human beings as guinea pigs. Many thousands, mainly Chi-

nese, died dreadful deaths. In return for information on the Japanese research, U.S. authorities secretly granted immunity from prosecution to the Japanese organizers of the program. No one was prosecuted for these crimes in the Tokyo war trials.

pan's Secret Biological Warfare paid off in a wealth of new detail both on the cover-up and detail both on the cover-up and the death factories. The extensive field work he did in China led to the discovery of Japanese research center that was previ-

ously unrecorded. However, the book lacks photographs, which is a pity.

Nonetheless, Harris shows convincingly that although many thousands died in the Japanese vivivsection and germ test experiments, the scientific achievements were minimal. Starting a decade or so after Japan and without the benefit of human guinea pigs, American scientists rapidly caught up and surpassed the Japanese effort. Huge sums were spent by Japan on bacteriological warfare projects. Thousands of highly qualified experts were in-

able weapon of war. The United States quite unnecessarily gave immunity to Shiro Ishii, the evil genius who mastermined the program, and his colleagues. They cunningly took full advantage of the Cold War, playing on American lears that if immunity was not grant-

volved. But nothing was pro-

duced that proved to be a valu-

ed the information would fall into Soviet hands.

Racism may also have been a factor in the US decision not to prosecute people who were clearly war criminals. The victims of the Japanese experiments were almost all Chinese. In the atmosphere that prevailed at the time, what Asians did to other Asians was of no concern to Americans or Euro-

Harris is horrified that "no one in 1948 was prepared to raise the issue of ethics, or morality, or Judeo-Christian human values." He noted that in all the documentation that has survived "no one individual is chronicled as having said bacteriological warfare human experiments were an abomination, and that their perpetrators should be prosecuted.

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SHANGHAI — Three dissipunishments. dents have been sentenced to three-year terms of "re-educa- bor" is a form of administrative tion through labor," their rela- detention. Three years is the tives said Tuesday.

Bao Ge were told by the au- a year-by-year basis. thorities on Tuesday that the two men, leading human-rights nizations said China was incampaigners, had been given creasingly using the punishthree-year sentences.

Public Security Bureau another activist, Yang Qinheng, that he, too, had been sentenced to three years, dissident sources said Tuesday.

"Re-education through lamaximum penalty, although in Families of Yang Zhou and practice this can be extended on

Western human-rights orgament as a way to silence its dissidents without attracting agents earlier told the family of the attention of a formal trial. Re-education was formerly used against minor criminals.

Yang Zhou was arrested May 12 by the police, who dragged In all three cases, relatives him from his home. Mr. Bao

tice that gave no reasons for the at about the same time and rela- pro-democracy agitation in the tives have not been allowed to late 1970s.

see them since. Their sentences are calculat- Zhou, said the police talked to ed from the time they were de-

Yang Zhou is a founder member of the Shanghai-based Association for Human Rights. Mr. Bao has angered authorities with his persistent demands for compensation from Japan for Chinese victims of Japanese wartime atrocities. Yang Qinheng is a businessman.

All three have had long spells in jail for their roles in the 1989 Shanghai's small dissident com-Tiananmen Square demonstra- munity is under administrative were handed a terse written no- and Yang Qinheng disappeared tions and an earlier round of detention.

Li Guopin, the wife of Yang her for more than three hours. but dodged her questions and would not give a clear explana-tion of why Mr. Yang had been sentenced.

actions had been completely legal, and that she was at a loss as to the reason for the punishment. She said he was weak and in poor health.

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Li Guopin said her husband's

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Travel Industry Largely Snubs Appeal by India

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Except for Air-India and Air France. which offered free travel to journalists and tour operators, other airlines flying

Airline executives, hoteliers and tour said. operators met with Indian officials over

"The consensus was that discounting may not be the right answer now," said Gauri Shankar Dhar, India's deputy tourism chief. He described the meeting

as inconclusive.

October is the start of the peak coolweather travel season in India, which runs through March.

The plague outbreak has cast a shadto India have rejected the tourism de-partment's call issued at the height of the epidemic.

ow over the government's plans to host the world's largest cancer conference here, beginning Oct. 27, industry sources

Some 7,000 experts were expected to the weekend to try to devise a strategy to attend the conference but organizers say restore the country's image as a vacation cancellations of up to 20 percent were

spot, but said they would not slash rates. expected now because of the plague scare and the lack of assurances that the disease had been cradicated.

Fifty-six people have died of pneamonic plague since the first case of the disease was diagnosed in the western city of Surat more than three weeks ago.

The World Health Organization said

Tuesday that the outbreak in Surat was

rapidly coming to an end and that there was no sign of any new eruption of the "WHO's advice to travelers is unchanged," according to a statement by the organization. "There is no restriction. for travelers visiting India."

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That its rise comes at a time of contraction for the arts in England, where theaters up and down the country are cutting corners and playing safe, honors the co-artistic directors, Ian MacDiarmid, 50, and Jonathan Kent, 45. The men, who became friends more than 20 years ago when they first worked together at Glasgow's Citizens' Theatre, inherited a playhouse devoted mostly to booking productions from abroad. Since they took over late in 1989. the MacDiarmid-Kent team has turned the

Almeida into a self-generating enterprise that now regularly sends plays to the West that their "Hamlet" furthers the spirit of adventure on which their regime the Royal National Theatre and the RSC seem wary of tackling too broad a Europe-End and beyond.

Next year, the theater launches its most ambitious project yet: an international tour of "Hamlet," directed by Kent and starring Ralph Fiennes in his first stage role since the films "Schindler's List" and Robert Redford's current "Quiz Show" made him a Hollywood star.

short European tour before traveling to Broadway where it is expected to open in time for the Tony Award nominations and, presumably, to scoop quite a few

And lest the venture seem cynically motivated — a case of let's-grab-a-film-star-while-he's-hot — MacDiarmid and Kent was founded.

"This can be a great forum for revivifying a career, or giving it that extra launch," MacDiarmid, a quiet-spoken Scot, said. He was joined for an interview by Kent and the Almeida's general manager, Jonathan Reekie, 30.

This will be the first Almeida staging to has just done a movie, let's bag him, "said open away from its Islington base —at the 1,000-seat Hackney Empire in working-class East London — opening Feb. 28. From London, "Hamler" embarks on a the Royal Shakespeare Company, where ing to Shakespeare in a fresh context from the Royal Shakespeare Company, where he got his start.

"It may sound arrogant," said Kent, "but the only policy we have is to do the plays we like and admire and to work with the people we admire. Ralph's astonishing rise has obviously given the production more latitude."

While larger subsidized companies like

seem wary of tackling too broad a Europe-an repertoire, many of the Almeida's greatest successes have been in lesser-known plays by Luigi Pirandello ("The Rules of the Game"), Jean Anouilh ("The Rehearsal," which transferred to the West End) and Henrik Ibsen ("When We Dead Awaken").

EW plays are important, too. The Almeida is where Harold Pinter decided in September 1993 to open his newest play, "Moonlight," a mournful, oblique piece about an irascible dying father. The American dramatists Han Ong and Phyllis Nagy have both premiered work at the theater, and Kent has a long-standing interest in two other, older American writers -Thomas Babe ("Taken in Marriage") and Lanford Wilson ("The Fifth of July").

In November, the Almeida hosts the

British premiere of Brian Friel's new play

venue; Friel makes his directing debut with the play, a co-production with Dublin's Gate Theatre. The play will complete attendance, every flop means, Reekie said, an Irish autumn begun in September with that "we have to sell out four shows in an acclaimed revival of J. M. Synge's classic "The Playboy of the Western World,"

Said Kent: "We've been spoiled by working in this glorious space for plays; our success has largely to do with the space." And with a formidable array of actors, from Glenda Jackson and Claire Bloom early on to Alan Bates and Ian Holm more recently. The theater's "Medea" in June won Diana Rigg the Tony for best actress in New York, completing an upward spiral begun in September 1992 at the Almeida for derisory - by Broadway standards — across-the-board wages of £190 (\$300) a week. (The hope is that Rigg will sign on to play Gertrude to Fiennes's

Not every play succeeds. Howard Bark-

"Molly Sweeney," a chamber piece for three actors, well-suited to the intimate farce "The Bed Before Yesterday" closed early because of poor attendance. And since the theater budgets for 77 percent

> Indeed, MacDiarmid emphasizes that greater public and industry recognition doesn't necessarily mean an end to financial worry, especially since the Almeida carries a deficit of £50,000. Five years ago, he said, the theater wouldn't have done "Hamlet," "because we'd be panicking about being able to afford the produc-

> "That panic hasn't disappeared," Mac-Diarmid continued. "One of the disadvantages of being internationally known is that people assume you're rich."

Matt Wolf is an American theater critic and journalist based in London.

From Hollywood Back to Bombay

By Alexandra Viets

OMBAY - Sooni Taraporevala, best known as the screenwriter of the critically acclaimed "Salaam Bombay" and "Mississippi Masala," lives in an apartment along the railway lines, where the steady hum of trains from Bombay's Grant Road station can be heard outside her window.

Born and raised a Parsi, Taraporevala has returned home to Bombay, after nearly 20 years abroad. The Parsis, also known as Zoroastrians, who originally came from Persia, are a tiny and rapidly declining community of 125,000, the vast majority of whom are concentrated in Bombay. Taraporevala lives on a Parsi street and in a Parsi building that is only minutes from where she grew up. Surrounded by photographs of her family, Taraporevala writes her screenplays in a small neat room that once belonged to her granduncle, a man who was a great source of inspiration to her as child. "I'm home," she says with a smile, "It's like a dream come true."

Taraporevala's most recent script is an adaptation of a novel by the Parsi author Rohinton Mistry, "Such a Long Journey." Mistry's novel, which was shorthisted for the Booker Prize in 1991, chronicles the life of Gustad Noble, an honest bank clerk, and his family, who live in the midst of a crowded Parsi colony in Bombay. Noble, whose journey is mixed with humor and sadness, struggles to come to terms with a series of seeming betrayals that have deeply

description of the daily rituals of Parsi India for the first time on a scholarship to life and full of Dickensian characters Taraporevala say remind her of home.

Currently in preproduction, "Such a Long Journey" will be released as a Canadian-British co-production and is sched-

uled to begin shooting in December. Taraporevala's own journey began as an only child in a typical Parsi home with a large family not unlike the Nobles. Despite being an only child, Taraporevala was always surrounded by relatives and family friends, living in a tightly knit community, which she credits for her success. She recalls storytelling uncles, doting grandparents and regular vacations with 20 or more, "A whole horde. . . . I loved it, I loved growing up that way."
This is not the first time that Tarapore-

vala has taken on a project concerning the Parsi community. A photographer of some repute who has had her work exhibited internationally, she has gradually collected a portfolio of photographs on the Parsis, which she plans to publish. The project began as an attempt to capture the life of a community in rapid decline.

"Every time I came home," she said, "there were less of us. . . My own family has been cut in half in just one generation." In both black and white and color, many of her images seem to be portraits of the very old and the very young: a boy being initiated into the priesthood, an old man with his back to the camera as he prays to the sea on "Ava Roj." a day on the Parsi calendar devoted to the spirit of water.

Like Noble's son who leaves home in

offended his sense of loyalty and honor. "Such a Long Journey" determined to Extremely visual, the novel is rich with pursue a career in art. Taraporevala left

study literature at Harvard in 1975. It was there that she met another Indian woman, Mira Nair, who became a friend, collaborator and the future director of "Salaam Bombay" and "Mississippi Masala."

After Harvard, both women moved to New York, Taraporevala to get a master's degree in cinema studies from the New York University film school and Nair to begin work on her documenta-ries. It wasn't until 1986, 11 years after they first met, when both women were in India watching a screening of Nair's documentaries, that Taraporevala and Nair decided to work together on "Salaam Bombay," their first feature film.

Launched by the success of "Salaam Bombay," Taraporevala went onto Los Angeles, making a living writing scripts for HBO cable and a variety of produc-tion companies. During the period in Los Angeles most of the scripts she worked on were never made into films. She recalls that a script on Vietnam war stories was considered "too ambitious" and a script on homeless children "too

depressing."
When Taraporevala left Hollywood to return to Bombay, she says, she realized she had already spent half her life abroad and it was time to come home. To her surprise, 10 days after she arrived she got a call from her agent with a new project. Since then, the work hasn't stopped.

"But even if it hadn't worked out, it was not a sacrifice to come back. Bombay was always home."

Alexandra Viets is a writer based in

LONDON THEATER

'Twins' Is No Favor to Goldoni

By Sheridan Morley International Herald Tribune

ONDON — Michael Bogdanov's rare revival of Goldoni's "The Venetian Twins," at the Barbican, is an exercise in noisy desperation. By all accounts it was a riot on the small Swan stage at Stratford last year, but in opening it up for the main London stage the director has resorted to a National Youth Theatre party night, with usually reliable RSC players frantically camping and mug-ging their way through an increasingly desperate attempt to cover up what they clearly see as the shortcomings of the play.

True, this does owe rather too much to Shakespeare and Plautus, who both did it better. Twin brothers (both played by David Troughton) turn up in Verona on the same day having been out of touch for many years. One is a tongue-tied country bumpkin, the other a city sophisticate, but they are soon taken for each other in a confused plot featuring missing jewels. confused lovers and long-lost sisters.

It has taken the RSC all of 30 years to get around to Goldoni, and the company has done him less than justice. An intervalplaying band, actors wandering in from other productions in the building, a faked ambulance-dash for a member of the audience, other spectators invited to sit on the stage as at an open-air Italian restaurant, all are indications of Bogdanov's lack of apparent interest in the play.

In which case, why bother to do it at all?

enough plays that do not need such disguises to make them work, and there are surely directors around with enough respect for Goldoni to stage "The Venetian Twins" as something other than a trick

The world repertoire surely contains

Tim Firth's "Neville's Island" (Apollo) concerns a quartet of middle-aged, middlemanagement executives who have been sent to bond in a course in the Lake District, in the currently fashionable belief that this will make them better at dealing with crises back in the office; though as their business concerns bottling spring wa-

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ter it is hard to fathom precisely what these lakeside adventures could teach them, except perhaps where to find more water.

Disaster strikes early: Their boat runs aground, they are marooned on an island which may contain wild beasts, and though this is still England -so we are not about to get the Derwent Water version of "Deliverance" - there's just enough menace in the air to keep an otherwise rather lame sitcom

moving along predictable tracks.

The Neville of the title is the team leader (Jonathan Coy), a hopelessly inept captain. field), a born-again Christian in nervous breakdown (Michael Siberry) and Gordon (Tony Slattery), the only really well-written role of the four. Jeremy Sams, the director, does his best to keep the isle full of noises, but it is like watching "The Tempest" performed by mice. At the Barbican Pit, a classical rediscov-

His crew consists of a neurotic (Paul Raf-

ery of considerable, cool fascination: Euri-pides's "lon" is the darkly comic tale of the foundling son of Apollo and a mother who. unaware that he is also hers, alternately plots to have him killed or make him her lover. A fable about love and power and above all paternity, it is held together by Jude Law, an actor only 21 who has in the last year given breathtaking performances in two other bothouse, incestuous dramas ("Les Parents Terribles" and "Fastest Clock in the Universe"). Nicholas Wright directs David Lan's agile translation.

There's an extraordinary kind of modernity here, a questioning of the rights of parents and children, gods and men. And (unlike "The Venetian Twins") this is a model example of a director, translator and cast taking a relatively unknown text, remaining utterly faithful to its original intentions, and yet giving it a 20th-century spin that ensures that lon never seems remote or irrelevant to our debates about timeless issues of passion and control.

"Ion" is about a god who lies and a man who discovers his true parentage in the nick of time. But in its universality and its political subtlety, it is just about the most contemporary show around.

From Chloé, All Sugar and Lace

By Suzy Menkes
International Herald Tribune

ARIS - After a few was more of a dainty little step. The collection was sugar sweet, gilt were followed by 18 black with no fabric stiffer than the consistency of whipped cream. It was very finely crafted. But from the body. Other dresses

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the show lacked the urgency, the modernity, the cut and thrust of forward fashion that are Lagerfeld's signature.

"Very refined and sophisticated — nothing casual about it," said Lagerfeld, to explain the spun-sugar fabrics and lacy knits. Galle's turn-of-the-centure its sugar fabrics and lacy knits. Galle's turn-of-the-centure its sugar fabrics and lacy knits. ry glass was the inspiration for the translucent colors, which included watery green, amber and 'a silvery-mauve.

The show started with sinuous lacy knits with midcalf bemlines decorated with delicate silver bugs as jeweiry. The only tailoring was in the softest crepe with ripples of satin skirt underneath. Otherwise it was all frills and lace and hats in butterfly-wing gauze.

Chloe is primarily an evening wear collection, and as an exer-cise in style it was romantic, with ombre-colored chiffons, flower-patterned tunics and lace dance dresses. Yet even when embroidered jackets went with flared pants or dresses opened over underpants, the show seemed dedicated to deco-

Comme des Garçons show, Rei Kawakubo made womanly clichés of ruffles-and-frills seem tly feminized pantsuits. Then frilled aprons were tied back-tofront, giving rufiles to the back of a jacket. Makeup was pretty.

strict tailcoat. In its dairy freshness of milk breaking out of sleek tailoring, the show succeeded in presenting prentiness in a forceful way. Although some of the tailor-

ing was weird, it could also produce perfect modern classics like the crisp naval jackets salt-

The further Yohji Yamamoto digs back to his Japanese roots, the more dazzling his collections become. The show he sent out uncertain seasons, Karl Tuesday was an ode to the kimo-Lagerfeld got into his stride at Chloe But it ended with an ovation as two kimono robes in fiery red and ises, all different, but cut to take their shapes, kimono-like, were given touches of color and decoration: batik patterns, or the fabric dyed in patches and then twisted into shapes like paper flowers. There was not a single pant-

suit. The only vestige of sportswear were play suits with shorts, and they came under the

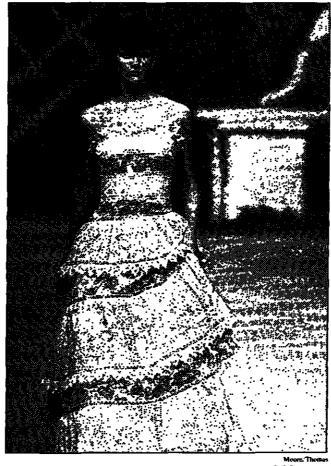
When a slender tomato-red dress walked down the runway at Mario Chanet — and then transformed itself by untying strings into an ankle-length bias-cut slip, it seemed symbolic of a show where nothing was quite what it seemed. By wrapping and tying asymmetric skirts, by stitching deep-pile fabrics into taut jacket shapes or by giving wide-legged pant-suit a glazed surface, the design duo gave resonance to simple clothes that looked to the future rather than the past.

T Nina Ricci, design er Myriam Schaefer took a bow -knotted A at the tail of a curving jacket, jutting in a soft satin from the hips of a sleek black rative women of a different era. coat or thrusting in chiffon How to put the feminine back into fashion without looking retrograde? In her powerful en years with Jean-Paul Gaultier, revealed her origins with pinstriped suiting and corset-lacing at the spine. But she gave modern. First apron-skirts sub- a fresh young face to tailoring cut on the curve.

How nice it would be to see Martin Margiela's clothes in the light of day; to taste the cock-tails of fabric and texture; to with ruby lips and pin-curled tails of fabric and texture; to hair. As the show advanced, so absorb the cut and detail. But did the wave of frills: at jacket when all wise Parisians were hem, as the tulle underskirt of a dining, fashion pros were simple dress, in layers like piped slumped in a bijou theater cream on a satin skirt under a watching film footage of the September event when the Belgian designer unveiled his line white and buttercream cotton, simultaneously in boutiques with its focus on rippling ruffles from London to Tokyo. That was followed by a 60-second glimpse, from the rear, of mod-els in boiled wool jackets over satin skirts and viscose pants. What with staff dressed in surgical white coats, the "show"

seemed like scenes from fash-

ion's madhouse.



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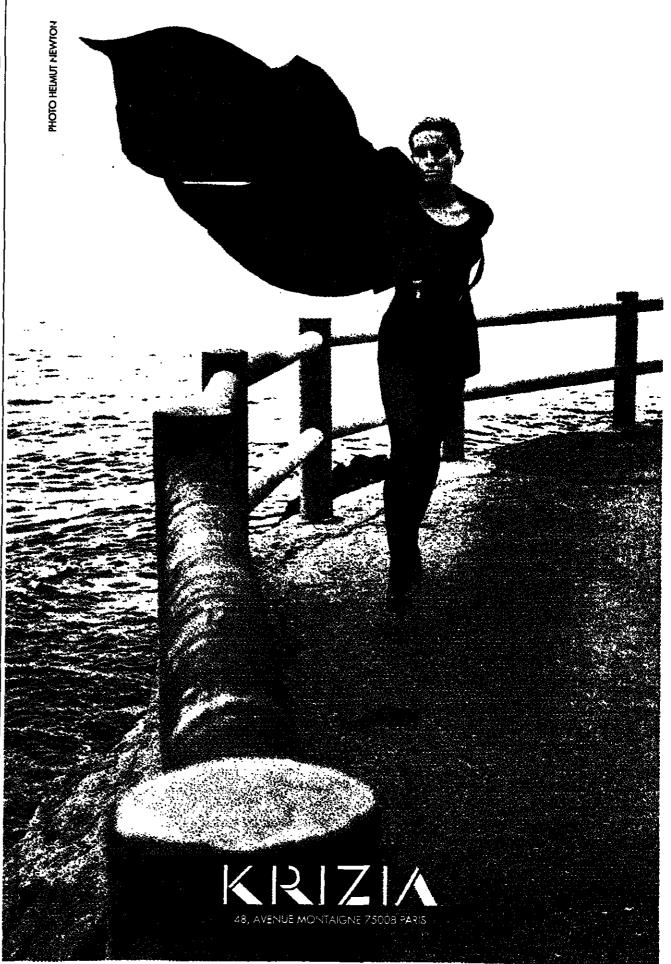
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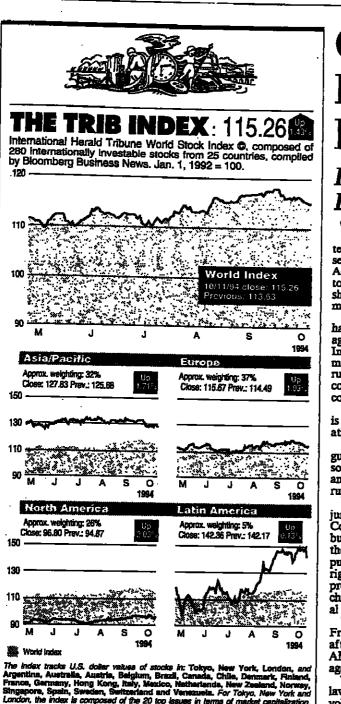
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Court Ban Is Sought By Intel

Injunction Is Goal In the AMD Case

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches SAN JOSE, California — In-tel Corp. said Tuesday it would seek an injunction against rival Advanced Micro Devices Inc. to stop the chip-maker from shipping clones of Intel's 486

microprocessor.

Intel Corp. said Tuesday it had won a federal court victory against AMD for using part of Intel's microcode known as ICE microcode, but AMD said the ruling would not prevent that company from shipping Am486 computer chips.

ICE, or in-circuit emulation, is a code used by designers creating chips.

AMD said it had already be-

gun production of microprocessors without Intel's microcode, and that the ruling won't dis-rupt distribution of 486 chips.

Intel's move to seek an injunction follows U.S. District Court Judge Patricia Trum-bull's ruling Friday that AMD, the fifth-largest maker of com-puter chips, had violated copyright laws by using a portion of proprietary Intel code in the chips, which are used in personal computers.

The ruling was handed down Friday but was under seal until after midnight Monday, an AMD spokesman, John Green-

agel, said. The ruling, which resolves a lawsuit filed four years ago, involves a license clause that also applies to the older 386 chip. Litigation over the 386 chip continues. Intel will seek an unspecified amount in compensatory damages for the millions of 486 chips already sold by AMD, said Jim Jarrett, an Intel

Analysts said the request for injunction was unlikely to have an adverse affect on AMD, (Knight-Ridder, Bloomberg, Reuters)

Investors Rethink Russia Ruble Rout Puts New Cast on Market

By Erik Ipsen International Herald Tribune

LONDON - The record fall of the ruble Tuesday sent shock waves among Western financial analysts who only recently had be-

gun to turn bullish on investing in Russia.

Now some were wondering if admittedly risky bets on Russian assets had not become foolhardy and if a return to hyperinflation was not threatening. Even before it plummer-ed Tuesday, the ruble had lost a third of its value in a month.

"The free-fall collapse of the ruble indicates an almost complete lack of confidence in the ability of the current government to come up with an effective anti-inflation policy," said James Lister-Cheese, an analyst with Independent Strategy, a London-based investment research firm.

In the last few months, since Russia completed its first round of privatizations, money has been pouring into the country from foreign companies and investment funds that had previously been nervous about Russia's political and economic transition. The Ministry of Privatization recently estimated that foreign investment had quadrupled since the beginning of the year, to \$600 million a

Many Western observers said that the ruble's rout not only reflected the danger that the government was losing control of the economy but was also adding to the economy's problems. The pace of Russian inflation, which has become more moderate through the course of the year, faces tremendous upward pressure as a result of the soaring cost of

Only last week Russia had reached a longawaited agreement with foreign banks to re-

schedule \$26 billion of commercial debts. At the time, that confidence-boosting agreement was widely hailed as paving the way for a flood of new investment into the country. But many analysts said on Tuesday that Western investors were at best likely to hold off any moves until the ruble can be stabilized and

the damage to the economy assessed.

Russian assets were cheap before today. and now they are even cheaper," said Jona-than Hoffman, an economist with CS First Boston in London. The problem is that they also suddenly look far riskier.

Although the ruble's plunge makes ruble assets cheaper in dollar terms, it is worrisome to foreign investors who eventually may want to translate ruble profits into dollars or other currencies.

The supposed achievements of the current Russian government at reform have been too good to be true," said Peter Young, a director of the Adam Smith Institute, a British free-market think tank. "The plight of the ruble just proves that you can only fool some of the people some of the time."

Other analysts disagreed. They traced the ruble's fall simply to a shift in the policy of the central bank. After watching the ruble rise steadily all year, they pointed out, the Russian central bank announced two months ago its intention to seek a devaluation in the currency. The purpose was to aid Russia's

exporters.

By all accounts, that policy of an orderly devaluation has now run off the rails. Many analysts, though, insist that the reformers in Moscow are blameless.

Instead they fault currency speculators, See RUSSIAN, Page 12

Chrysler Net Jumps 54% on **Higher Sales**

gan — Chrysler Corp. said

bates to customers. Chrysler's net income rose to share, in the year-earlier period, the sale of its Mitsubishi Motors stock and a favorable in- from 15 percent in the second

come tax adjustment. Revenue rose 21 percent, to

The 1994 period was the automaker's best third quarter ever and seventh straight and seventh straight.

ter of record earnings.

York Stock Exchange. the weakest for U.S. automak- quarter. ers because of plant shutdowns for vacations and model changes.

General Motors Corp. and

the high degree of acceptability fourth quarter of 1993.

our products are enjoying in the

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches marketplace," said Robert Ea-HIGHLAND PARK, Michi-ton, Chrysler chairman.

Continued strong demand Tuesday its third-quarter profit for such popular vehicles as the surged 54 percent, as the No. 3 Jeep Grand Cherokee allowed American automaker benefited Chrysler to lower its average from higher sales and lower re- discounts per vehicle to \$520 in the third quarter from \$610 in the second quarter and \$775 in \$651 million, or \$1.76 a share, the third quarter of 1993, the from \$423 million, or \$1.13 a company said.

Chrysler also reduced its before a \$109 million gain from sales to fleets to 10 percent of its overall North American sales quarter and 11 percent in the third quarter of 1993. Those

ever and seventh straight quar- far the most profitable of Detroit's three automakers on a Chrysler shares gained 62.5 per-vehicle basis, made an af-cents, to \$46.50, on the New ter- tax profit of \$1,000 on each ter- tax profit of \$1,000 on each car or truck sold in the quarter, Normally, the third quarter is up from \$570 in the year-earlier

James Donlon, Chrysler's controller, said the automaker planned to build between 690,000 and 700,000 cars and Ford Motor Co. are expected to announce their earnings soon. trucks in the fourth quarter, up from about \$80,000 in the third "We're very encouraged by quarter and 650,000 in the

(Bloomberg, Reuters)

EU to Tell Bull to Drop Units in Exchange for Aid

BRUSSELS - The European Commission will tell Groupe Bull on Wednesday to sell its Nipson, Telesincro and Compuprint units in exchange for approval by the commission of 11.1 billion French francs (\$2 billion) in state aid, a draft of the decision said.

The draft decision also called for the restructuring of Bull's open systems and software business.

It said further that a "significant amount" of Bull's shares had to be sold to an industrial partner when the com-pany was privatized.

If that did not happen, all the computer firm's open systems and microcomputer business should be sold off within a period that would guarantee the company's viability in the long term.

The draft decision, which was expected to be approved at the commission's weekly meeting on Wednesday, also urged the French government to refrain from investing more in Bull unless it complied with EU rules.

The commission opened an investiga-tion in October 1993 into the payment of 2.5 billion French francs to the computer firm. In January, it extended the

inquiry to an investigation of another day that its net profit totaled 853 million injection totaling 8.6 billion francs by the French state and the state-owned telecommunications company France

Of the total 11.1 billion francs, only 3.1 billion francs have not been paid yet. the paper said.

Bull narrowed its losses considerably in the first half of 1994 and aims to break even in the first half of 1995.

■ UAP First-Half Profit Fell 22% Assurances de Paris, or UAP, said Tues-million.

francs in the first half, down 22 percent from the same period a year earlier, Bloomberg Business News reported from Paris.

The figure, which was at the lower end of analysts' expectations, reflected continuing losses from banking operations that narrowed only marginally to 438 million francs in the first half from 462 million in the year-earlier period.

The company's main banking unit, Banque Worms SA, narrowed its first-France's largest insurer, Union des half loss to 394 million francs from 544

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By Mark Potts ASHINGTON — Big changes

are coming to the way users interact with their personal computers. The result will be sophisticated interfaces that will make computers easier Both of the major personal computer operating systems — Windows and Macintosh —

will undergo major revisions in the next year or so that will significantly change the way they appear to the user. Just over the horizon are even more changes in interface design that could make even the newest Windows and Macintosh

systems look as antiquated as, well, MS-DOS. Future computers may be based on interfaces that represent what they are doing more graphically, replacing the standard arrange-ment of folders and files with much richer, easier-to-control displays that provide lots of information at a glance.

"The future of the desktop is to be much more visual," said Ben Shneiderman, a specialist in interface design who runs the Human-Computer Interaction Laboratory at the University of Maryland. "We're stuck in the valley of 1984."

That was the year Apple Computer Inc., introduced the Macintosh and popularized the concept of graphical interfaces that made the computer screen look like a desktop, with files, folders and a trash can. Inspired by work done at Xerox Corp.'s

Palo Alto Research Center a decade before, the Macintosh interface, in turn, paved the way for Windows, by Microsoft Corp., and began the death knell for MS-DOS. The coming Windows 95, or Chicago, due out next year, cleans up the familiar Windows interface. It adds several sorely needed features, such as flexibility in dragging files from one window to another on the screen, and eliminates Windows' greatest problem: its reliance on MS-DOS to do most of its dirty

Apple is worried. The company is feverishly working on technology to leapfrog Microsoft's new system. Forget the recently re-leased System 75, which makes mostly cosmetic changes in the Macintosh interface and operating system. The real change in Apple's famous interface will come when the

company unleashes System 8, code name Copland, in about a year. System 8 will be a radical reworking of Apple's interface. According to MacWeek magazine, System 8 will make folders easier to work with and add computerized "agents" to automate routine tasks. It will provide more information about individual files and let users customize their desktops.

Windows 95 and System 8 may seem like big changes to the rest of us, but Mr. Shneiderman of the University of Maryland is not impressed. "You're wasting too much time opening and closing and dragging and resizing windows," he said. "To me, the evolution is away from the computer and toward a user's tasks."

Some of the experiments percolating in Mr. Shneiderman's lab hint at what he is talking

For instance, Mr. Shneiderman and his group of researchers and graduate students have come up with a novel way of viewing See INTERFACE, Page 13

Regulators **Slow Sales** In Taiwan

TAIPEI - In an extraordinary attempt to stem a slump in stocks, Taiwan's Securities and Exchange Commission told securities companies Tuesday to buy shares or risk having their requests to start new mutual funds denied.

The threat was followed by an announcement from the investment trust industry group that its members would temporarily stop selling shares.

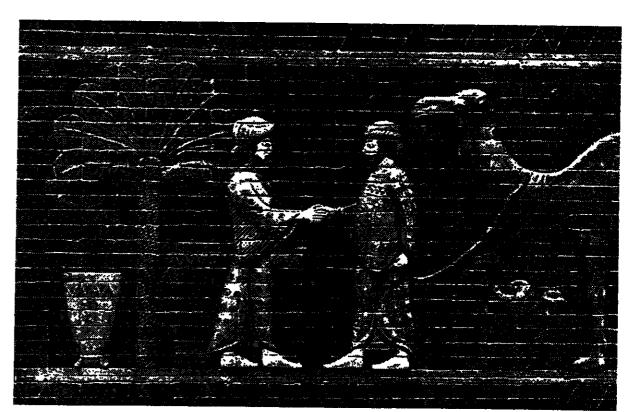
The SEC was spurred into action after Taiwan's main stock index fell 14 percent during the last four sessions, following one of the worst spates of unsettled trading the country has ever gone through.

The most unusual of the SEC's moves involved telephoning securities houses to encourage traders and fund managers to step up purchases after stocks tumbled in early trade this morning.

"They called here and talked to the boss about this," said Kuo Shoo-min, a fund manager with National Investment Trust Co., one of Taiwan's largest securities companies. "We coop-

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Stocks and Bonds Bolster the Dollar

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches NEW YORK - The dollar most other major currencies Tuesday, profiting mainly from the performance of stock and bonds, as the market awaited more economic data.

Signs that Iraq's troops were moving away from the border

Foreign Exchange with Kuwait had damped the

dollar's earlier gains. Analysis and traders said developments between Iraq and the United States had little ef-

fect on the dollar. The dollar typically benefits in times of international conflict as investors seek a haven

for their funds. Traders were also reluctant to bet too aggressively on the dollar's prospects before the release of inflation and plant-use

reports. Those will give them fresh insight into whether prices fixished slightly higher against in the U.S. are rising enough to prompt the Federal Reserve to

raise rates soon, analysts said. The dollar closed at 1.5448 Deutsche marks, flat from Monday, and at 100.20 yen, down from 100.38 yen.

The dollar rose to 5.2850 French francs from 5.2830 francs Monday and to 1.2886 Swiss francs from 1.2829 francs. The pound was at \$1.5795, down from \$1.5853. An analyst at MCM Cur-

rencyWatch, Win Thin, said he expected the dollar to stay firmly bid at current levels through the week in anticipation of firmer bond prices.

The possibility that optimism about a resolution to the Middle East tensions may have been overdone helped underpin the dollar earlier, analysts said.
(AFX, AFP, Bloomberg)

MARKET: Earnings Lift Stocks

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had been flirting with levels of around 8 percent, have dropped back since last Friday. On Tuesday, the yield on the benchmark 30-year Treasury bond fell to 7.86 percent, from 7.90 percent on Monday.

There was little sentiment on Wall Street that the Tuesday rally represented a reversal of the market's underlying bearish trend. Christine Callies, stock strategist for Brown Brothers

U.S. Stocks

Harriman, said she expected the market to pick up through the autumn but did not expect it to head much higher in 1995 because stocks were already well priced. Some traders may take the opportunity to bail out of financial and other overpriced stocks, she warned, saying this was "a traders' rally rather than an investors' rally."

"This has been a hard market to rationalize, and it has been very volatile, but now you have a good general performance by companies across the board, and that brought buyers back in a big way," said Laszlo Biryini, whose consulting firm tracks large trades.

The market emerged from last week's "gloom and doom that you could cut with a knife," according to Hugh Johnson of First Albany Securities. "People sold and raised shares Monday.

their cash positions. The only thing missing was something to strike a spark and bring them

A report by Motorola late Monday did it. The company, whose share surged 1½ to 54½ on Tuesday, said its third-quarter earnings jumped 50 percent on a 28 percent increase in sales powered by worldwide demand

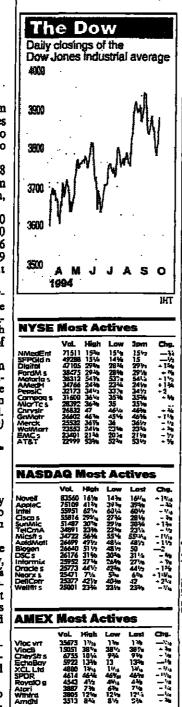
for its cellular telephones. On Tuesday morning, Chrysler started the parade by announcing its jump in sales and profits.

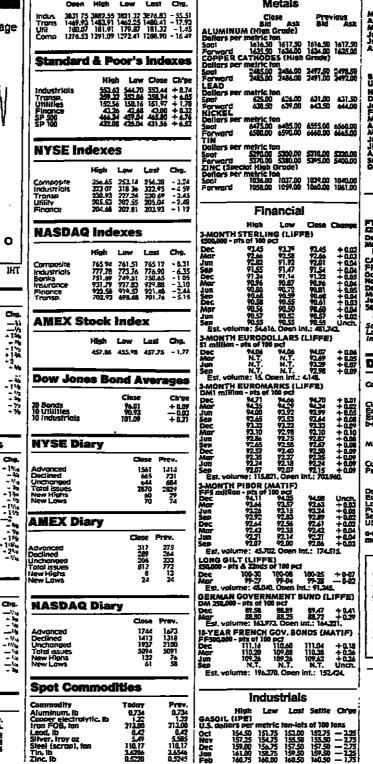
Chrysler, which rose % to 46½, has been the most profitable of the three U.S. automakers in recent years. When it reported higher sales volume, stock in Ford and General Motors rose because those companies are also expected to report improved sales and profits.

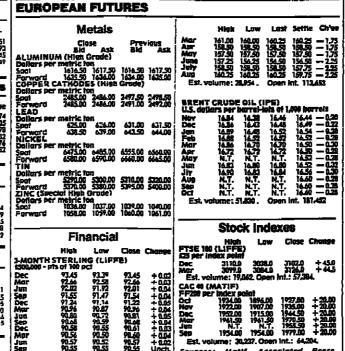
Just as in the automobile industry, Texas Instruments and Microsoft stock rose in the wake of Motorola's good news. Apple Computer reported higher earnings on demand for its new notebook systems, and its stock continued to rise on rumors that it was striking a deal with IBM to make the companies' computer systems compatible.

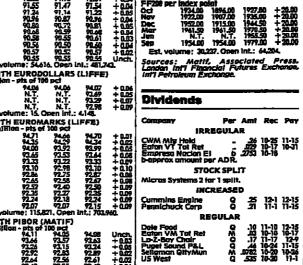
Procter & Gamble climbed to close at 21/2 to 62%, Pepsico surged 24 to 344, and Apple rose ¼ to 39%.

Volume on the Big Board surged to 355.53 million shares Tuesday from 213.11 million









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SANTA MONICA, California (Bloomberg) — National Medical Enterprises Inc. said Tuesday it had agreed to acquire American Medical Holdings Inc. for \$2 billion in cash and stock, bolstering its rank as the nation's second-largest hospital chain. The planned purchase, which includes \$1.3 billion of assumed debt, comes a week after the hospital giant Columbia/HCA Healthcare Corp. agreed to buy Healthtrust Inc. for \$3.4 billion,

disrupting three-way merger talks among National Medical, Healthtrust and American Medical, industry observers said. The combination extends efforts by health care providers to cut costs through mergers despite the failure of reform legislation this year. National Medical and American Medical estimate their combination would reduce costs by \$60 million in the first year.

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Union Pacific Tempting Santa Fe

CHICAGO (Combined Dispatches) — Union Pacific Corp. said Tuesday it would consider raising its \$3.25 billion bid for Santa Fe Pacific Corp. if Santa Fe let the rival railroad look at its

The statement is Union Pacific's latest move to disrupt Santa Fe's agreement to merge with Burlington Northern Inc., valued at \$2.5 billion, or \$13.33 a share. Union Pacific last week offered a (Bloomberg, AP) total of \$3.2 billion for Santa Fe.

IBM Launches Its Warp Program

NEW YORK (Combined Dispatches) - International Business Machines Corp. said Tuesday it launched a new version of its operating system to compete with the Windows program of Microsoft Corp.

IBM said the new Warp system would be installed in all IBM, Toshiba and CompuAdd personal computers and would offer easier access to the Internet and multimedia applications. By offering its Warp system now, IBM hopes to steal thunder from Microsoft, which has been delayed in bringing out its Windows operating system.

First Union Reports Income Jump

CHARLOTTE, North Carolina (Bloomberg) - First Union Corp. said its third-quarter net income rose 24 percent as consum-er borrowing rose and interest rates took a smaller bite out of income than expected.

The minth-largest banking company in the United States said net income rose to \$241.8 million, or \$1.35 a share, after payment of preferred dividends, from \$189.2 million, or \$1.12 a share, a year earlier. Earnings exceeded expectations of \$1.31 a share, based on the mean estimate of 20 analysts surveyed by Zacks Investment Research.

For the Record

AMIR Corp.'s American Airlines said it would close its crew bases in Raleigh/Durham, North Carolina, and Nashville, Tennessee, by May 1995, affecting a total of 714 pilot and flight (Knight-Ridder) ARA Services Inc., known best as a food services provider at

cafeterias, airports and sports arenas, has changed its name to Aramark to reflect its nonfood operations, the company said Tuesday in Philadelphia.

McCormick & Co. said it would cut 600 jobs, 7 percent of its work force, resulting in a pretax charge of up to \$66 million. The move is a restructuring that includes the sale of the Golden West (Knight-Ridder) Foods subsidiary in Bedford, Virginia.

RUSSIAN: Investors From Abroad Are Starting to Rethink Business Strategies as Ruble Keeps Plummeting

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that familiar nemesis of many Western governments. "This policy shift is very difficult to manage for the central bank," explained Susanne Gahler, an economist with J. P. Morgan in London, referring to the bid to devaluate. "It is facing a substantial speculative attack on the ruble coming from the

banking sector." The defense of the currency

news agency Itar-Tass reported. import prices.

Whatever the cause of the While everyone agreed that rout, there is clear unanimity on the speed of the ruble's decline exporters," noted Mr. Listerhas indeed been costly. Viktor the remedy — sharply higher was harmful, many analysts Cheese. By boosting profits for ble, its fall now helps them, he response to the crisis.

the Russian central bank, said of borrowing, the government Monday that the bank had can send needed signals that it spent \$2 billion in recent weeks is both concerned with and in buying rubles in the effort. On control of the situation. At the August, the ruble had risen in Tuesday, he said the sharp fall same time, higher interest rates in the value of the ruble would be seen braking the econstemmed from "speculative de- omy and thus lessening the danmand on the part of individual ger of inflation rocketing up-commercial structures," the wards on the back of higher

that a cheaper Russian currency was necessary. Ms. Gahler calreal terms by 150 percent against the dollar. Even after the sharp declines of recent days, she still put its real gain at 108 percent from the year-earlier level.

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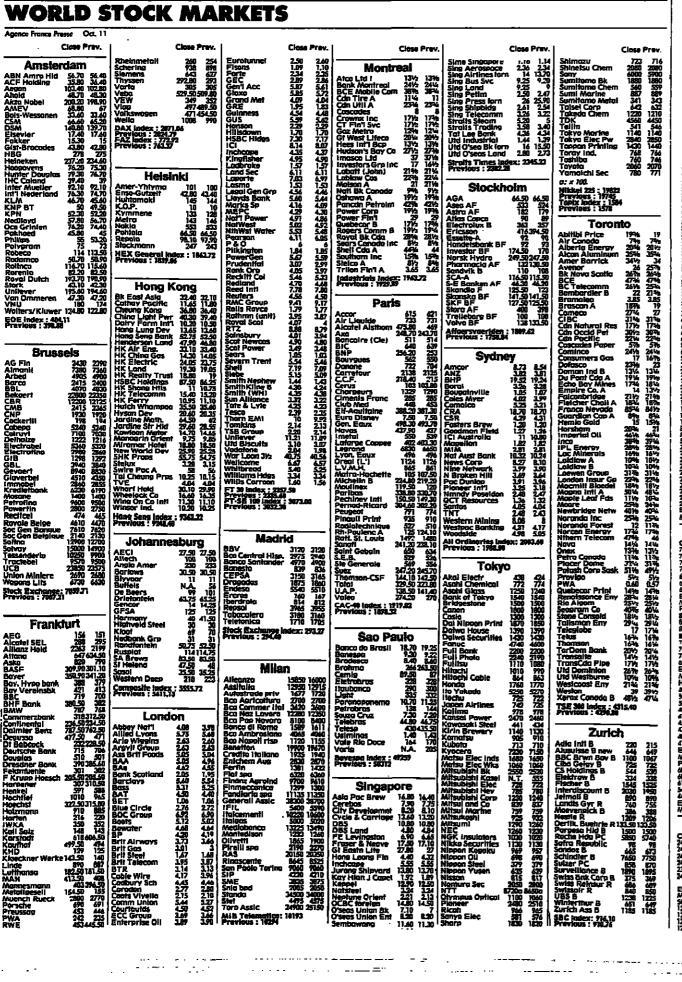
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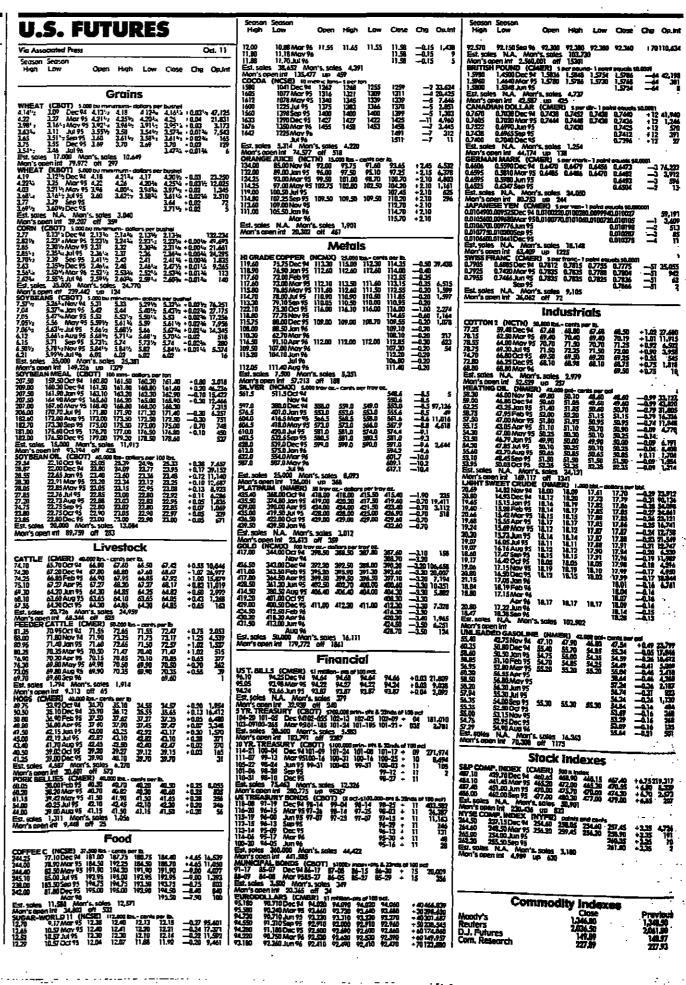
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V. Gerashchenko, the head of interest rates. By hiking the cost agreed with the central bank its largest exporters, analysts said. By boosting profits for exporters, the hope was that some of those debts could now be paid off without budget-busting state intervention.

> The problem is whether a devaluation that many experts agree is helpful be contained before it becomes a total collapse. Much, analysts agreed. would now depend on the speed been squeezed by the rising ru- and degree of the government's

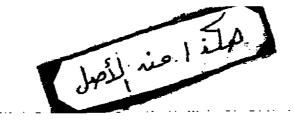
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Germany's IG Metall Seeks 6% Wage Rise

International Herald Tribune

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FRANKFURT - Feeling left out of Germany's fledgling Campting antale unit economic recovery, IG Metall, the country's biggest trade union, on Tuesday demanded a larger share of German industry's economic success.

with Harris and the latest to Klaus Zwickel, the head of the union, rejected a demand from the metalworkers employ-ers association, Gesamtmetall, that it exercise wage restraint and postpone its contractual claim to a 35-hour workweek, starting in October 1995.

es lis Warp Program Instead, he said the union not add I measure it in the Windows page only would defend a shorter workweek for about 3.2 million workers in the automobile, electronics and steel industries, but also would press for wage gains of "up to 6 percent" in coming pay rounds.

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From \$1807 million, or \$11225 would be lucky to get a 2.5 percent to 3.0 percent average. The Germans want to keep the increase in wages. But Mr. package as close as possible to Zwickei's comments, the first salvo in an annual ritual of la-

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By Brandon Mitchener bor demands and employer orders, but also for the councounter-demands, are consid- try's labor market. ered significant because of the

union's high profile. For more than a year, the union saw thousands of German jobs fall victim to corporate cost-cutting.

Mr. Zwickel's comments also come as the federal government is publicly trumpeting the end of the recession in an attempt to boost the ruling coalition's prospects for re-election in a hotly contested federal parliamentary poli set for Sunday.

The Economics Ministry, in its monthly report for October, said Tuesday that the German recovery had led to a "clear turn for the better" not just in export

Cockerill Is Faced With Output Cuts

AFP-Extel News 55,000 tons in capacity cuts in ment economic statements. Belgium or Germany to reach an accord with the European German officials said Tuesday.

The officials were speaking after Economics Minister Gun- said many sectors of the econovided EU officials with details and faced continuing demands of subsidies provided to EKO. to cut costs. one approved for another po-

tential buyer in December.

foreign carriers.

aimed at reducing noise pollution.

distributed to a new entrant," she said.

Paris's airports, the spokeswoman said.

But several observers regarded the tone and timing of such claims with suspicion.

"We detect more than a little bit of wishful thinking ahead of the elections," said Angelika Heiking, an IG Metall spokeswoman. "Profitability in the metalworking industries has risen, as has productivity, but that hasn't automatically led to more employment," she said.

"We don't consider a recovery a recovery if it only benefits the companies. We only talk about a recovery when they begin creating more jobs," she said.

West German unemployment has begun to flatten after months of rising, while East German unemployment is be-ginning to decline after a sharp rise following German unification in 1990.

"We think the mood is better AFP-Extel News

BRUSSELS — CockerillSambre SA, a Belgian steelmaker, might have to find

Düsseldorf said of the govern-

Some observers suggested that companies were postpon-Union on subsidies as part of a ing announcements of layoffs takeover of EKO Stahl GmbH, until after the elections. Rolf Breuer, a board member at Deutsche Bank AG, recently ther Rexrodt of Germany pro-my were not yet on a safe track

"I think it's possible that some are saying it would be easier to make a move after Oct. 16 than before then," he said.

U.K. Brokers Brace for Cuts

LONDON - London's financial community is bracing for what could be its biggest cutback in jobs and bonuses since the late 1980s, as trading profits plunge and bro-

kerage orders dry up.

A slump in profits and business since the Federal Reserve Board raised U.S. interest rates in February has left many investment companies unable to maintain the salaries and bonuses paid in the investment boom of 1993.

"The whole industry, both institutional and retail, has built itself up to a capital lev-el in the last two years that has been the highest for seven or eight years," said David Jones, president of Sharelink. Britain's biggest discount The Financial Times-Stock Exchange 100 Index of lead-

15 percent since peaking at 3,520.3 on Feb. 2. To make matters worse, in-

vesiment orders from March through September fell 25

LONDON - First-half pretax profit at

Barings PLC surged 54 percent, the company

announced Tuesday, as the securities firm emerged unscathed from this year's turbu-

By concentrating on emerging equity mar-kets such those in India and South Africa, the

company boosted earnings just as profit was dwindling at some of its biggest rivals.

lence in major stock and bond markets.

and small investors decided to sit out the turmoil in global

These concerns were highlighted last week when two leading British investment

markets, Mr. Jones said.

Some firms already have cut out free lunches for workers.

banks said pretax profits fell more than 50 percent in the first half of the year, citing the condition of global mar-

Shares of S. G. Warburg Securities lost as much as 14 ing British shares has fallen percent of their value in one day, and shares of Hambros PLC fell 13 percent the day after, as the two companies

Barings Bucks Trend as Its Profit Rises

percent from the previous six announced their profits and months as fund managers expectations.

Already several companies have begun cutting back on employee benefits. Both Merrill Lynch & Co. and Lehman Brothers Inc. have stopped providing free lunches for their workers in London in the last three months.

Many Wall Street companies have already announced cutbacks in New York. To date, no U.S. house has said its cutbacks affected its London operations, but traders say they believe everyone has been affected.

For London's securities industry, the tracing difficulties have been exaggerated by the pace at which companies' costs - mainly salaries have soared in the last two or three years.

Analysts generally agreed that year-end bonuses were at risk, but many analysts said they expected British investment houses to try to wait out the fourth quarter and hope markets turn around before deciding to lay people off.

Profit before tax rose to £54.8 million (\$87

"We're successful because we're concen-

trating on areas which are successful: the

emerging markets," Andrew Tuckey, the

The chairman, Peter Baring, said the results

company's deputy chairman said.

were "very satisfactory."

million), from £35.5 million a year earlier.

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Very briefly:

British Midland Airways Holdings Ltd. said passenger traffic in the third quarter rose 15.5 percent, reflecting a 27 percent rise in its intra-European traffic. Separately, British Airways PLC said its Club Europe class bookings were running more than 10 percent above last year's levels.

 Anheuser-Busch Cos. said it indefinitely postponed talks to buy a minority stake the in Czech brewery Budweiser/Budvar and would try to settle its decades-long trademark dispute separately. • Poland's economy will grow 4.5 percent this year and 5 percent in 1995, Vereins- & Westbank AG forecast.

• Pechiney SA is aiming to cut its debt sharply from the current level of around 20 billion francs (\$4 billion), Chairman Jean-Pierre Rodier told French daily La Tribune Desfosses.

• Virgin Group PLC chairman Richard Branson announced the launch within a few weeks of the company's own cola brand. • Italian industrial sales were 6.4 percent higher in July than a year earlier; industrial orders were 15.7 percent higher.

 Telegraph PLC of Britain said Hollinger Inc. of Canada had bought 1.4 billion Telegraph shares at 330 pence (\$5.23) each. Hollinger now has a 57.96 percent stake in Telegraph. Contad M. Black is the chairman of both companies.

 Superfos AS said it acquired Chematex, a Swedish chemicalstrading company from Elof Hansen AB. The companies did not disclose the sale price. 4FX, Bloomberg, Knight Ridder

Channel Tunnel Has Safety Approval

Compiled by Our Stuff From Disputches

PARIS - Bernard Bosson, France's transport minister, said Tuesday that a safety commission from Britain and France had given approval for trains to take passengers through the Channel tunnel. Full service is expected to begin in mid-November.

Meanwhile, Eurotunnel SA, the British-French operator of the tunnel, said it hoped to carry 22 percent of the freight traffic crossing the English Channel by the end of 1995. The company said it already had 12 percent of the freight traffic between Dover, England, and Calais, France.

(AFP, Bloomberg)

Sanofi Sell-Off Helps Finance June Purchase

Bloomberg Business News

PARIS - Sanofi SA said Tuesday it had agreed to sell its animal-byproducts and food-ingredients businesses to Viag AG of Ger-many for 4.4 billion French francs (\$831 million).

The funds will help San-ofi pay for Sterling Win-throp Inc.'s prescription-drug business, which it bought from Eastman Kodak Co. in June for \$1.68 billion.

Sanofi, a subsidiary of Elf Aquitaine, signaled that it would sell noncore businesses when it announced

It immediately sold Sterling Winthrop's medical imaging business to Hafs-lund Nycomed AS of Norway for \$450 million. They're well on the way

to making the price of Sterling after the imaging busi-ness." Susan Haylock of NatWest Markets said.

She added that the purchase "could have taken a lot longer.'

Sanofi shares rose to 241.20 francs Tuesday from 238.10.

South Africa's Financial Rand at a 12-Month High

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JOHANNESBURG - The financial rand, South Africa's foreign investment unit, firmed Tuesday to its highest level in 12 months amid rumors that it was about to be scrapped.

The financial rand, the investment currency for foreign buyers of shares and government stock and a good barometer of foreign investor confidence in South Africa, strengthened so that a dollar was fetching only 4.10 rand, down from 4.16 rand on Friday and 4.28 a week ago.

"The financial rand is being driven mainly on speculation of its imminent scrapping, but people have also turned bullish on currencies," a trader said. "I expect the market to remain rumor-driven for the next while."

EU to Monitor Orly Flights

AFP-Exid News

that it would review a French plan to limit landing slots at

Orly airport in Paris to ensure it did not discriminate against

200,000 commercial flights a year in and out of Orly, a move

The French Transport Ministry decreed Monday a limit of

The commission will monitor how French authorities allo-

The EU regulation says that member states can and must

cate the available slots, a spokeswoman for the transport commissioner, Marcelino Oreja, said.

have a number of defined slots that it distributes, and that

when one becomes free it goes into a common pool and is

The commission also expects to receive by November new

rules from the French authorities on flight allocations among

Speculation of the financial rand's imminent demise was heightened by recent talks between the governor of the Reserve Bank, Chris Stals, and the International Monetary Fund in Madrid. In addition, South Africa received an "investment grade" credit rating from Moody's Investors' Service.

Both developments might result in access to cheaper foreign credit for South Africa.

Meanwhile, South Africa's commercial rand, which is used for most trade-related and noncapital transactions, remained almost unchanged at 3.5685 rand to a dollar. The commercial rand has been relatively unchanged over the past month, with the Reserve Bank continually lending support against any downward

The firming of the financial rand has narrowed its gap with the commercial rand to just 13.7 percent from more than 20 percent a month ago.

South Africa operates a dual exchange rate system. It introduced the financial rand to protect the value of the commercial rand from sharp fluctuations during the years of political and economic instability under the old apartheid regime.

Mr. Stals repeated assertions that one condition necessary for the scrapping of the financial rand would be a gap of 10 percent or less with the commercial

Traders believed that a gap of 10 percent would result in a merger of the units at a level between 3.90 and 4.00 rand to the dollar. (Knight-Ridder, Reuters)

Virgin Takes a Step Into Cola Territory

LONDON - Virgin Group PLC said Tuesday it had formed a joint venture with the cola maker Cott Corp. of Canada to challenge the dominance of the worldwide soft-drink market by U.S.-owned market

leaders Coca-Cola and Pepsi. The London-based venture, Virgin Cola Co., is to make and distribute lower-priced

beverages that play on the Virgin name. "Many consumers around the world have been paying high prices for nationally branded colas such as Coke and Pepsi," said Rich-

ard Branson, the head of Virgin. Cott, which produces private-label colas for retailers, will produce the new Virgin cola at its factory in London

Shares of Cadbury Schweppes PLC, which bottles Coke in Britain, fell 1 to 445 pence

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(\$7) in London trading, Cadbury, a confectionery and soft-drink maker, owns a 51 percent stake in the Coke bottler Coca-Cola & Schweppes Ltd.

The agreement with Virgin is Cott's second British venture this year. In April, the company began making private-label cola for the retailing giant J. Sainsbury PLC.

Cott and Virgin will own equal shares in the venture, although Cott will be in charge of product development, manufacturing and distribution, Cott said. Virgin will handle marketing and promotion.

The British cola market is estimated at more than \$1 billion annually. Coke, a product of Atlanta-based Coca-Cola Co., controls about 30 percent of the market, and PepsiCo Inc. of Purchase, New York, holds about 18 (Bloomberg, Reuters)

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Vodafone and SBC Invest in France

LONDON - Vodafone Group PLC said Tuesday that it and SBC Communications, formerly Southwestern Bell Corp., were each taking a stake of 10 percent in a French mobile phone

Vodafone will pay 880 million French francs (\$166 million) for the stake in Société Française de Radiotéléphone SA, with an option to double the stake within two years. The French company, which is controlled by Compagnie Generale des Eaux, is one of two mobile phone operators in France.

Vodafone will also relinquish its 4 percent stake in Cofira, the

holding company of the French mobile phone operator.

SBC said it would invest \$626 million for the stake. In exchange, Générale des Eaux agreed to invest \$247 million for a 10 percent stake in Southwestern Bell Mobile Systems' cellular operations. SBC will also acquired 10 percent of certain French

cable television properties owned by Générale des Eaux. Vodafone, one of four British mobile phone operators, will have two directors on the French company's board, while SBC's role on the board was not immediately known. (Bloomberg, Reuters)

INTERFACE: Changing Screens

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it, takes a little getting used to.

Clicking on a dot brings up its real-estate listing.

meantime, it is looking for a

files on a computer. Forget This sort of visualization of folders and files; their system complex information, Mr. turns variables such as file size Shneiderman said, is a key to into a graphic representation, a the future of interface design. It collection of rectangles on the is not that far away. The universcreen that looks like a Mondrisity already is selling Macintosh an painting. and Windows copies of the "tree map" file-visualization This "tree map" concept, as software, cutely named Win-Mr. Shneiderman has dubbed Surfer, for \$25 a copy. In the

But a quick glance at the size of commercial partner for the the rectangles and their colors can provide all sorts of informatechnology. tion about the relative size and "The future is not goggles age of the files, or even where and gloves, it's not agents, it's there are duplicate files. Clicknot voice recognition," Mr. ing on a rectangle provides Shneiderman said. He added more information or opens the that anthropomorphic, adaptive interfaces are not what users want: "The designers love it,

Another experiment in the but the users reject it." Human-Computer Interaction ls Mr. Shneiderman's lab the Lab offers a compelling look at Palo Alto Research Center of what might be the home-search service of the future. Using slide the 1990s? That remains to be seen. But when Windows 95 controls that allow users to and Macintosh System 8 show quickly set such variables as up on computers next year and price, location and features of a seem like the Next Big Thing, desired home, the program provides immediate feedback in remember: There's a lot still to come in computer interface dethe form of dots on a map representing available homes. sign.

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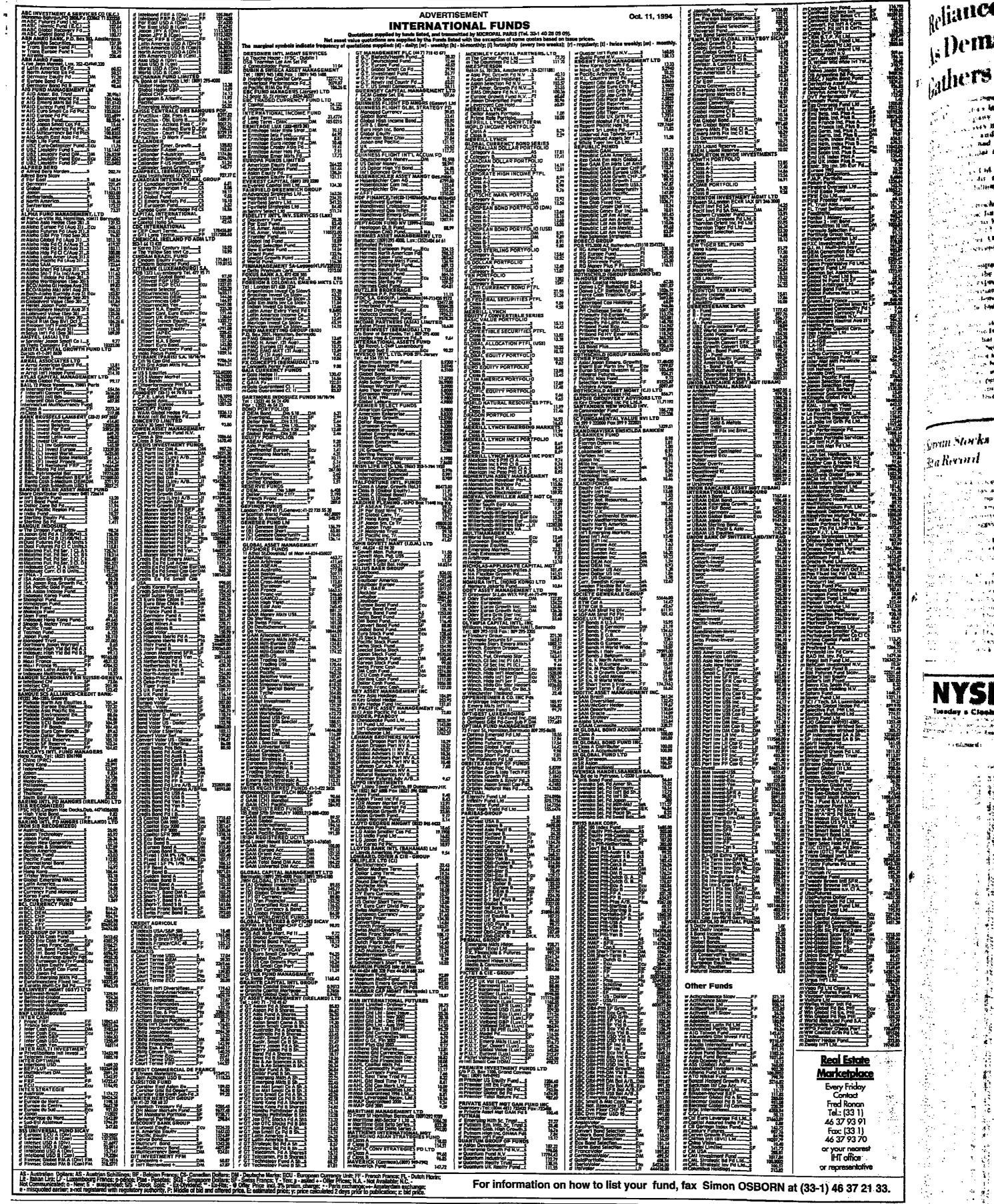
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gret my behavior in my youth," he said. "I have al-

ready paid for my wrongs and

learned my lesson from this."

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Ming Pao Enterprise is publisher of Ming Pao Daily News, regarded as one of

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Reliance Net Rises As Demand in India **Gathers Strength**

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches BOMBAY — India's largest private-sector company said how the company's global de-Tuesday that a recovery in the positary shares performed in chemical industry and in-creased productivity had con-were unchanged in London tributed to a spectacular surge trading Tuesday at \$28.50. in first-half net profit.

Reliance Industries Ltd. said its first-haif net profit more than doubled, to 5.1 billion ru-

pees (\$163 million). The textiles and petrochemicals giant said revenue for the period rose 36 percent, to 34.20 billion rupees from 25.17 billion rupees a year earlier. Operating profit rose 41 percent, to 7.44 billion rupees.

Anil Ambani, the company's managing director and the son of its founder, said he expected a "good financial performance" for the full year, as demand continued to grow in the Indian

economy. In Bombay, Reliance stock rose 10 rupees to 415. One Indian stock analyst said that although the results were better than expected, they did not lead to any immediate surge in buying. He said investors were keeping money aside for pending privatizations and mitial public offerings of other Indian

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SEOUL - Stock prices

rose to a record Tuesday as

investors continued to buy

financial companies and

other relatively inexpensive

shares that had long lagged

The Composite Stock

Price Index rose 9.98

the market, traders said.

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In 1992, Reliance was the first Indian company to issue stock to foreign investors by means of global depositary shares, or securities denominated in foreign currencies that are held and traded overseas.

Reliance has said it would spend \$1 billion a year for the next four years on expansion.

Dhirubhai Ambani started the company 25 years ago with his savings from a job at a gasoline station in Aden. Now, it is among the world's top producers of polyester.

The company also is building an oil refinery and developing oil and gas fields with Enron

(Bloomberg, Reuters)

Ming Pao Chief Targeted

HONG KONG - The chairman of the Ming Pao publishing group faced disci-plinary action by the local stock exchange Tuesday after it was disclosed that he had been jailed for fraud in Canada 15 years ago.

In a statement, the stock exchange said its listing committee had endorsed a recommendation to begin disciplinary proceedings against Yu Pun-hoi, 35, chairman and controlling shareholder of Ming Pao Enterprise Corp., over what it said was Mr. Yu's "failure to disclose to the exchange that he had been convicted in Canada of certain criminal offenses.

Trading in shares of Ming Pao and South Sea Development Co., of which Mr. Yu also is chairman, are to resume Wednesday after a two-day suspension. Shares of Ming Pao last traded at 5.50 Hong Kong dollars (71 U.S. cents), and those of South Sea at 55

Pao and South Sea." But Simon Yeung, an analyst at Standard Chartered Securi-(\$3,567), as well as illegal posties in Hong Kong, said, "I session of a pistol, when he don't see any reason for the scandal to affect the fundawas a 20-year-old student. mentals of both companies." Mr. Yu said he had spent The exchange's listings difour months in prison because

rector, Herbert Hui, said Mr. Yu could be reprimanded or The chairman could be asked to resign for not

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asked to resign his positions, depending on the outcome of

the proceedings.

But Ming Pao Enterprise
and South Sea said Mr. Yu would continue for now to hold the positions of chairman and executive director

Monday that he had been

Amends convicted of credit-card and New Issue check fraud amounting to 4.600 Canadian dollars

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches SYDNEY - News Corp. bowed Tuesday to the demands of shareholders and revised terms of a bonus issue of preference shares aimed at building up the global media company.

News Corp.

The company, controlled by Rupert Murdoch, said it would guarantee that holders of the new shares received a dividend at least 20 percent higher than the payout on ordinary shares.

But it said the 20 percent guarantee would come into effect only when the annual dividend on ordinary stock reached 6.25 Australian cents a share. That dividend now is 3 cents, and News Corp. said it had no immediate plans to raise it.

News Corp. plans to issue one share of preference stock for every two common shares outstanding as of Nov. 11. The new shares are to offer a dividend of 7.5 cents.

The bonus issue is expected to raise as much as 5.4 billion Australian dollars (\$4 billion) to finance expansion plans.

The new shares will now be fully valued in line with the ordinary shares. They now have a premium, and they'll be pro-tected in the event of a takeover offer," said Lachlan Drummond, a media analyst at CS First Boston Australia Ltd.

The company said Sept. 30 that it would issue 930 million preference shares holding limited voting rights.

News Corp.'s original proposal drew strong criticism from investors, who feared the new shares would have little The BBB rating for China, which applies to \$450 million of value compared with News Corp.'s ordinary stock.

On Tuesday, News Corp shares gained to close at 8.27 dollars, compared with 8.10 Standard & Poor's Asia Ltd. sidered to be investment grade. Monday. (Bloomberg, Reuters)

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Bombay

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 Samsing Electronics Co. said sales would rise 40 percent this year, to \$14 billion, while profit surges fivefold, to \$1.1 billion. • Volkswagen AG began production in China of a new model of its Santana car and will expand output as China's auto industry grows, the Xinhua news agency reported.

 China has drawn up a plan to expand exports of electronic products and machinery to \$150 billion by 2010 from an estimated \$26 billion in 1994, the China Daily reported.

• Japan's private-sector machinery orders rose 7.1 percent in August from a year earlier, after a 2.6 percent rise in July, the Economic Planning Agency said, indicating its downturn in orders has probably stopped.

• The San Jose Mercury News in California has become the first American newspaper since the Vietnam War to win approval to establish a permanent bureau in Hanoi.

• Malaysia will maintain control over the country's largest naval dockyard even if it is privatized, Defense Minister Najib Tun AFX, AP, Reuters, NYT, AFF

Europe-Asia Meeting Set

Agence France Presse

SINGAPORE - Around 500 corporate executives and government officials will meet here this week to debate ways of

Hong Kong cents. of betraying state economic secrets after a report in Ming The exchange warned "in the interests of the two shareholders and investors to companies." Pao Daily News on interest Oil & Gas Co. of the United Mr. Yu acknowledged "exercise caution when tradrates and gold sales in China. ing in the securities of Ming (AFP, Bloomberg)

U.S. Says China Still Isn't Ready to Join GATT

BEIJING - The deputy U.S. trade representative, Charlene Korean Stocks Barshefsky, said Tuesday that China had made only "incre-Hit a Record mental" progress toward meet-

> GATT, the world trade body. At a news conference at the end of two days of talks with officials in Beijing, Ms. Barshefsky said China was still violating bilateral trade agreein the information industry, insurance, financial services and other areas.

ing conditions for entry to

points, or 0.9 percent, to Meanwhile, stocks in should be commended for steps Taiwan fell for the sixth such as cracking down on what day in a row as creditors she called "rampant piracy" of intellectual property. But she added that much still had to be called in loans backed by shares that had plunged in value, dealers said. The done before barriers to China's entry into the General Agree-ment on Tariffs and Trade Weighted Price index fell 1.4 percent to 6,124.24. The index has fallen more than could be resolved. 14 percent in the past week.

"I would view the progress made thus far as incremental,

rather than dramatic, and cer-tainly not sufficient with respect to GATT/WTO accession at this point." The World Trade Organization is scheduled to succeed GATT on Jan. 1, meaning that China must join GATT the end of the year to be a charter member of the new

Senior Chinese leaders have said repeatedly in recent months that the country had ments and continuing to block made all the concessions it was U.S. companies from its market going to make to gain GATT

Turning to specific problems,

Ms. Barshersky said piracy of The U.S. official said China compact disks and computer software remained "extremely serious" despite progress in China's enforcement of laws protecting these rights. Washington wants China to shut down 26 factories producing pirated compact disks, laser disks and other such items. But authorities have acted against only about four to six of the factories, she said.

U.S. losses from copyright gave an investment-grade rat-theft are estimated at \$1 billion ing Tuesday to China Internaa year, Ms. Barshefsky said. tional Trust & Investment She also said China had Corp., or CITIC, and said the made only slight progress in outlook for the state-controlled opening up markets to Ameri- investment company was posican agricultural products. For tive, according to a Tokyo disexample, all citrus products patch from AFP-Extel News. from California are banned for

reasons that are not scientifical-

ly sound, she said. (Bloomberg, AP) ■ CITIC Gets Rated

Eurasian Continental Railway Delivers the Goods HONG KONG — The first shipment of 10 containers carrying cargo from the western end of the new Eurasian Continental Railway has arrived in the terminal port of Lianyungang, the Xinhua news agency reported Tuesday. The containers, loaded with copper

sheets, will be shipped to South Korea,

the agency quoted China's International Business News as reporting.

The 10,800-kilometer (6,700-mile) line runs from Lianyungang, in Jiangsu Province on the east coast of China, through five Chinese provinces and the former Soviet Union to the Dutch port of Rotterdam, the western terminal.

The line, which cuts about 8,000 kilo-

meters off the sea route, was launched in December 1992. But its growth into a big conveyor of goods was soon derailed by technical problems, a lack of experience and squabbling.

A major problem is that China's trains run on narrow-gauge rails. Westbound trains must stop in Kazakhstan, where containers are put on Russian flat cars.

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French Technology



A "meter" where car owners pay to recharge their electric vehicles in La Rochelle, left; a Renault electric car prototype, right.

In Drive for Electric Cars, France Is a Leader

By Thomas Fuller

ARIS - The first time Joseph Cugnot took his car down a curving Paris street, it went straight off the road.

Mr. Cugnot, a retired engineer from eastern France, was no doubt disappointed; the accident, however, couldn't have caused much damage, as his car's top speed was three miles per hour. That was 1769. Mr. Cugnot's three-

wheeled steam-powered wagon designed to pull artillery pieces was the world's first automobile. Mr. Cugnot is credited with the invention and with ushering in a tradition of French automotive ingenuity.

Some 225 years later, the country that saw the invention of not only the automobile but also the storage battery is due to commercialize relatively cheap electric

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While most carmakers in the United States, Japan and Europe are experimenting with prototypes, both Renault and PSA Peugeot Citroen SA — France's Big Two - will offer electric versions of some gasoline-powered cars as early as next March.

The electric models, which are distinguishable from their internal-combustion counterparts only by their lack of tailpipe

socket, just like a toaster or coffee machine. A maximum charge of eight hours provides just under 100 kilometers (62 miles) of use, making the car an almost

exclusively urban type of transport.

The vehicles we currently have which will soon enter production are targeted and oriented for the European market," said Noël Bureau, vice president for re-search at Peugeot Citroen. "They're small vehicles with reduced dimensions and reduced range as well. We think that if we can stick to a projected range of 80 to 100 kilometers per day, we'll be able to satisfy perhaps more than 90 percent of urban

Many French cities, tired of the fumes and noise produced by internal-combustion engines, have made agreements with Renault or Peugeot to provide the necessary electric-car infrastructure.

Kenneth Barber, who heads the U.S. Department of Energy's electric-car division in Washington, attributes France's leading role in commercializing electric cars to the large price difference between its relatively cheap electricity and its ex-pensive, highly taxed gasoline as well as the centralized structure of the French

"In France you have one utility, which counterparts only by their lack of tailpipe and their silent motors, can be plugged in said. "So it's a little different from the U.S., where there are separate, individual utilities reporting to private or separate utility commissions."

The United States, where electric cars are still in the prototype stages, development has been spurred on by a 1998 deadline imposed by California and other states for 2 percent of cars offered for sale to be free of emissions. General Motors Corp. recently created Delco Propulsion Systems, a business unit that it expects one day to sell electric-car components worldwide.

The United States was once host to a large electric car market. In 1912, when gasoline-powered technology was in its early stages, there were 33,842 electric cars in operation -22 times the current num-

But today, while GM anticipates, France's Big Two produce. Renault's Clio Electrique is scheduled

to appear in showrooms next July, and Peugeot Citroën's 106 Electrique and AX Electrique are to be on the market by March or April. Both carmakers see initial demand as weak (Peugeot Citroën will have production capacity of only 6,000 electric cars next year) but count on improvements in infrastructure in French cities and tax rebates and financial incentives from the government to boost sales. The necessary infrastructure includes, in large cities, places for electric-car users

to leave their vehicles overnight to be recharged. By the end of this year, Paris will have 200 such berths. La Rochelle, a city on the French Atlan-

tic coast where Peugeot-Citroën has leased 50 prototypes of its AX and 106 models to residents and local companies, offers free parking for electric cars. The La Rochelle experiment is being watched closely by those involved in electric-car projects around the world because it is the first time a city has teamed up with a car manufacturer and utility company to provide the specific infrastructure needed for electric cars.

Michel Crepeau, La Rochelle's mayor. has long been an environmental activist. providing in the 1970s a fleet of free bicycles for residents to use. Today, along with the national utility Electricité de France. the city has installed high-wattage recharging stations, providing in 10 minutes enough power to drive 20 kilometers. Many electric-car users, however, have found the fast-recharging stations unnecessary and prefer to plug in their cars at

Chantal Vetter, a La Rochelle resident involved in the project, takes her Peugeot 106 Electrique to work every day and charges it every two nights. One hundred kilometers costs her eight francs (\$1.50) in

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Training the Elite: Too Narrow a Focus?

By Barry James

ARIS - The bicentennial of France's two leading establishments of higher learning this year has renewed an old debate about the place of science and technology in education and industry.

In short, has the pure math and science tradition represented by the Ecole Polytechnique eclipsed to a disproportionate extent the humanist traditions represented by the Ecole Normale Superieure?

Polytechnique graduates have dominated French industry since World War II. They are largely responsible for such advances as the high-speed railway system. the nationwide teletext network and the Ariane satellite launcher. Three of the top 10 banks, three of the top 10 insurance companies and 56 of the top 100 industrial companies are headed by former polytechnicians.

"They know everything. Unfortunately they do not know anything else," Marshal Pétain was once quoted as saying.

The Ecole Normale Superieure used to be France's intellectual leader, producing many of its best-known writers and philosophers, including Jean-Paul Sartre, Claude Lèvi-Strauss, Michel Foucault, Raymond Aron, Jacques Derrida and Michel Serres.

But it has lost ground to the Polytechni-que, and its birthday this month has been marked by a certain amount of sniping at the rival institution and the tradition it typifies. Colette Lewiner, an ENS graduate and now a senior official in the nuclear reprocessing industry, said that French industry is full of scientifically or technologically brilliant thinkers who are unable

work in a team or communicate, "More and more," she said in an interview with Lc Monde de l'Education, "we are looking for multidisciplinary people, or people capable of acquiring other disciplines — scientists who do not distrust literature.`

Without "great intellectual mobility and a strong capability to adapt," she said, technological and scientific knowledge risks becoming quickly outdated.

Although the Polytechnique tradition served France well during its post-war reconstruction, it has many negative as-pects. Critics say it has created a selfists that is ill-adapted to increasing European and international cooperation. It also symbolizes an obsessive preoccupation with diplomas and academic qualifi-

cations at virtually every level.

One irony is that while the French put the Polytechnique at the pinnacle of learning, few foreigners have ever heard of it. The Sorbonne, part of the University of Paris, is far better known abroad.

Math occupies a place of honor in French business and industry in great part because it is seen as a useful means of selecting job applicants, being less subjective than literature or philosophy. Nevertheless, the rational French still rely to a greater extent than any other European country on assessment techniques such as numerology or graphology that seem to come straight from a New Age commune.

The revolutionary government in 1794 set up the Polytechnique to provide the young republic with engineers, and the Ecole Normale Supérieure to provide teachers — a role it keeps today.

The Ecole Normale director, Etienne Guyon, said recently that there is a gaping need in French education for more interchanges between scientific and literary and philosophical disciplines. In contrast, however, Mr. Guyon said

that education is geared entirely to reproducing elites. Everything is directed toward an increasingly narrow selection. "British education does not function

like that," he said, "and it has produced 10 times as many Nobel Prizes as us, because their degrees are more creative. Whether industry has accepted a greater need for humanities or generalism is

open to question. "I wish it were true, but I have not seen anything to indicate it, said Daniel Jouve, a Paris headhunter. Mary Boss, of the INSEAD business school at Fontainebleau, said that French companies that take a European or inter-

national view are increasingly looking for generalists, with training in languages and the humanities as well as science. "If they come here it is because they have decided that they need to recruit international managers, or French manag-

ers who have an interest or talent for

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An Entrepreneur's Search for Capital

By Richard E. Smith

ES ULIS, France - Linh T. Nuyen is probably not the only high-tech entrepreneur striking out on his own in France who wonders, sometimes with regret and some-times with a shudder, how different his foray into business might have been in the

beguiling but treacherous U.S. market.

"If I had started in the United States instead of France," he said, "the company would have already gone public and our sales would be double what they are to-

But he also acknowledged that he might

have followed the fate of many Silicon Valley start-ups as a flash in the pan on the over-the-counter market or lost his independence early in a quick buyout.

As it is, the 54-year-old emigré from Vietnam, who spent 15 years as a research engineer at Thomson SA, does not have a

lot of complaints. "I like the job I am doing," he said. "I like developing new products. In a smaller company, it is easier to do it."

Picogiga, his company, is now eight years old. It has 25 employees, sales of over 30 million francs (\$5.7 million), profit of about 6 million francs, a pleasant site near Paris and an idea he feels has an outstanding future: the gallium arsenide wafer, a miniaturized transistor with applications ranging from mobile telephones to collision-preventive radar devices for a new generation of automobiles.

What he does not have and what makes him envious of his U.S. counterparts is the kind of plentiful, mobile and sophisticated venture capital that provides such fertile ground for the boisterous U.S. micro-

electronics industry.
"We are producing at peak capacity." he said. "We could be doing more." He said that when a company in Silicon

Valley or Route 128 near Boston runs into a rough patch, its financiers can tap into a rich network of outside consultants, academics, editors and specialized bankers to get a reading on the situation.

"But in France, finance people often do not know the market," he said. "They do not know who to call in the U.S. Sometimes they don't even speak English." As a result, it is the lot of the technical



Linh T. Nuyen

people in France and Europe in general to constantly defend the performance of a high-tech company before skeptical finan-

Since Mr. Nuyen's innovation is on the cutting edge of both microelectronics and metallurgy, he has had to do a lot of talking. Although he has financing from five French venture capital organizations, he had serious trouble getting fresh funds several years ago to buy equipment he felt

was vital. Nor does he think the situation in Europe will improve soon.

The U.S. market, as he notes, is not only large enough to allow many small players to perch on small niches, it has a wide range of success stories in spite of a high

rate of failure.

"At one point in the past, European companies like Philips started with the ideas of individual people," Mr. Nuyen said. "But it has been a long time since there have been many great successes.

"The culture is different in Silicon Val-" said Mr. Nuyen, who has been to the United States more times than he can count. "People say, "Why not me?" There have been a lot of successes and this makes it easier for others to ask for money. We need more examples of success in

Europe to excite the market. At the same time, he said that the breakneck pace of the U.S. market can be intimidating for any beginner, not to speak of a foreign one.

"I am French and I'm here because I

started working here," he said. "And I was researcher, not an entrepreneur. For the U.S. market, you have to know about marketing there, about law, about the environment.'

Sometimes the slower pace in Europe can allow a longer fuse time for research. While three of his venture capital supporters are tied to commercial banks, two are state-dominated research funds. "They are more patient," he said.

Some of that funding originates in programs sponsored by the European Union and allows small niche companies to benefit from contact with Europe's microelec-tronics giants. "The arrangement is good for us as a small company," he said.
"The optimal situation is to have sever-

al large companies own a small stake in your company so that you can learn from all of them but still stay independent," he said, highlighting a business pattern that is more common in Europe than in the United States.

"It is sometimes a handicap to be owned by a big company. If I am bought by Motorola, it could mean that I could not supply others and would lose contact with them."

In spite of his occasional qualms about the raucous and unpredictable U.S. market, his eye is firmly fixed on that market for his next big move.

"In three years, if we continue to grow at the rate we are growing, we will open a production facility in the United States."

"In the semiconductor industry, the leader in innovation is the United States," he said. "The Americans have recovered the momentum over the last two or three years that they had lost before to the Japanese.

It is the Americans now who are moving most aggressively to apply the newest technologies, much as the Japanese had been doing before."

Three years ago Japan accounted for 55 percent of Mr. Nuyen's sales and the United States for 25 percent. Now Japan has slipped to about 25 percent and America has surged to 67 percent. France still accounts for less than 5 percent.

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Builder of Nuclear Plants Looks East

By Joseph Fitchett

ARIS - When Jean-Claude Lény predicts a bright nuclear future for Framatome, he has in mind more than the state-controled manufacturer's recent sale to China of power-plant parts worth 1.5 billion

French francs (\$282 million). His confidence also reflects nuclear energy's unique place in French elite thinking as a crown jewel of national technology. This belief that nuclear energy is a state affair helped block a government bid this year to privatize Framatome. With cash reserves acquired via gov-

ernment-ordered industrial shifts, Fra- Mr. Lény. 63, who has been CEO since matome has outlasted its competitors during the bleak years since the Three Mile Island incident in the United States in 1979, which started an international groundswell of anti-nuclear sentiment.

Today, Framatome describes itself without fear of contradiction as the world's leading designer, builder and exporter of civil nuclear reactors. It built most of France's nuclear reactors which supply 75 percent of the nation's

electricity. Part of what has helped Framatome capture its leading role is the fervent commitment of its top talent, including

1985. For nearly 50 years, he has been a leading member in France's fraternity of nuclear technocrats. Today his faith centers on Asia, partic-

ularly China, which may follow up the recent component sale with a major order for the Daya Bay site where Framatome has already installed two reactors. Asian nations are a promising market,

Mr. Lény said, because they must have nuclear energy if they are going to meet the electricity demand generated by their

They won't go the all-nuclear route Continued on Page 18

Former On-Line Leader Now Looks Outdated

By Richard Covington

ARIS - As Europe braces for the invasion of American on-line services, France's Minitel, the Continent's premiere on-line service, is scrambling to keep its hold on the French market and is mounting a counterattack, adapting the system for U.S. consumers.

CompuServe is already available in France, and other major on-line services — America On-Line, Prodigy. and Delphi - are expected to arrive by late next year. The challenge to France's nineyear-old Minitel system is obvious. Since this spring, Minitel users have been able to get on the Internet, the global information and communications computer network, by either paying a monthly subscription fee or dialing 3619 USNET and paying 2.19 francs (41 cents) a minute. Access to a wide range of videotext services across Europe varies in cost from two to nine francs a minute, according to

the service. But the question remains: Are users going to go on-line through the Minitel network, or will they opt for their computers to reach on-line services such as Compuserve and Prodigy, at half the cost or less?
"The Minitel has no memo-

ry, no intelligence, poor command control, and it's slow," complains Joshua Harris, an analyst with Jupiter Interactive Productions Inc., an on-line service consulting company based in New York. The problem is that the French now have all these antiquated terminals. While this gave them a technological lead in

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By Robert Bailey

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the time, on either side of the Atlantic, would

have predicted how strong a force the consor-

Today, France's interest in airliner design

and production, alongside that of Germany,

Britain and Spain, is concentrated in Airbus.

Aerospatiale, the French state-owned con-

cern, has a 37.5 percent shareholding, as does

Deutsche Aerospace. British Aerospace has a

20 percent share and Spain's Construcciones

While the consortium's name is Gallic and

its headquarters is in Toulouse, Airbus Indus-

trie, whose official company language is Eng-

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The partners have a dual role as sharehold-

ers and industrial participants, providing

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sembly at Toulouse or Hamburg represents

less than 4 percent of the work that goes into

been survival —it became profitable in 1990,

giving it a firm foundation from which to plan

By this summer, the consortium had deliv-

cred nearly 1,200 airliners to 112 customers.

Deliveries included 33 of Airbus's most ambi-

tious aircraft development to date: the A-340.

a four-engine craft with intercontinental

range and a 260-passenger capacity. The new

plane filled a final gap in the Airbus line of aircraft, in terms of both range and capacity.

For the future, however, potential develop-

Thus, the various Airbus partners, along

ment costs and uncertainty of markets are so

great that even rival manufacturers have been

with Boeing Co., are carrying out a joint study

on a Very Large Commercial Transport con-

exploring avenues of collaboration.

The consortium's main achievement has

Aeronauticas holds 4.2 percent.

HE creation of Airbus Industrie

nearly 25 years ago represented a

recognition that no European civil

airliner maker could compete with

1985, now the terminals are bogging the system down."

In the dark ages of 1985 when the word "Internet" suggested tennis rather than computer bonding — France Telecom was giving away brown plastic breadbox-sized gizmos as unlikely replacements for bulky paper telephone directories and other information services yet to be invented.

Since then, Minitel use has taken off, with practiced users consulting the box for everything from updates on weather and rail strikes to everything they might want to know about General Charles de Gaulle on his own Teletel number. 3615 Espoir. (Télétel and Audiotel are the numbered services - the system software; the Minitel is the alphanumeric keyboard and boxed screen the hardware.)

By the end of 1993, 6.5 million Minitels were in service, with another half-million users connected through their computers via modem. The French logged 100 million hours grazing through some 25,000 different services, forking over 8.7 billion francs for the privilege. But despite the 15.5 percent rise in Teletel use since 1992 and a year-to-year profitability, the system is not expected to recoup its 60 billion-franc investment until at least 2000. according to a report made for the telephone company by the accounting firm Coopers &

Lybrand. Boosted by the Minitel's success in Europe, France Telecom has embarked on a program of exporting Minitel technology. But results have been mixed. After a two-year. \$80 million joint venture with U S West Inc., a Denver-based regional phone company, to

Airbus Seeks Bigger Craft

next summer.

option, designated the A3XX.

(12,600 kilometers).

air cargo market.

general use.

test flight in September.

test the Minitel in the Minneapolis-St. Paul area. France Telecom has given up on importing the box to the United States.

When Community Link Minitel Associates, the introductory Minitel project, was terminated in June, only 2,000 households had signed on, a miserable response compared with the 800,000 households the French phone company had forecast would be using the system by 2002. But it was no mystery why the system flopped: It could only reach local numbers; the Minitel cost \$12 a month to rent (in France. it was initially given away); and there was a connection charge of 15 cents a minute.

"Our objective was never to sell Minitel terminals," says Luc Guillet, president of Intelmatique, France Telecom's interactive division. "We are now aiming to develop the online market and to capture a significant share of electronic

lepayment services."
Undaunted by the failure of this initial venture, France Telecom is going ahead with another pilot project, in home banking, in partnership with US West and Electronic Data Systems Inc. According to Mr. Guillet, the French phone company is involved in further discussions with US West on 'broadening our approach" from basic videotext services to the full range of multimedia services employing voice, com-puter-generated still photographs and moving video im-

In a separate venture, France Telecom signed on this spring with AT&T Corp., Sony Corp., Philips NV, Motorola Inc., Apple Computer Inc., Matsushita and other telecom-

cept. Airbus itself has observer status in the

project. But there are doubts the program will

board and into the air in the next decade will

require a firm development decision within

the next three years.
In the A3XX, Airbus envisages an aircraft

with two full decks able to carry 530 to 570

passengers in a three-class layout, or 840 in a

single-class, all-economy seating plan. It would have a range of up to 7,400 miles

Airbus has also applied its design concents

to its own transport requirements. The result

the A300-600 Super Transport, had its first

The aircraft is a successor to the bulbous

U.S.-built Super Guppy airplanes that the

consortium has used since 1970 to transport

fuselage sections and wings from sites around

The A300-600 ST is one of the largest

aircraft ever built, with 50,000 cubic feet

(1,400 cubic meters) of main deck cargo space

and a 56-foot-high (17-meter) door. Aerospa-

tiale and Deutsche Aerospace Airbus, which

are building the new transport, believe that

the \$1 billion development could pay off with

sales to other operators in the international

French, Airbus has succeeded in breaking the

monopoly of U.S. civil airliner producers.

This has helped Europe to match the outside

European governments decide to go ahead

with a big new military transport aircraft to

replace the Lockheed-built C-130, now in

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The politics may become more acute if

world in high-technology markets.

With an assertiveness favored by the

Europe to final Airbus assembly lines.



munications concerns to bankroll the development of an icon-based, touch-sensitive system that is a highly sophisticated variation of the Minitel's Télétel and Audiotel services. to be produced by General Magic Inc. of Mountain View, California.

With Apple France SA, the French phone network has developed a number of projects to bring the Minitel to Macintosh computer screens and has several more in the works, according to Antoine Henry, director of business systems for

Apple France.
The joint venture that holds the most promise is videoconferencing, an adaptation to Apple's Power Mac AV that enables the user to see the person he or she is calling in a window on the computer screen and to work simultaneously with that person on the same document.

The videoconferencing project will be compatible with the freelance writer based in Paris.

worldwide ISDN standard. France Telecom, Apple and Société Anonyme de Téléphonique SA are collaborating on the project, due on the market by the end of the year. The cost of the memory card and videocamera will run around 20,000 francs, Mr. Henry says.

Also in the works are new versions of the Minitel service that should go a long way toward allaying persistent criti-cisms of the system's slowness and limited flexibility. The TVR. or Télètel Vitesse Rapide, will be eight times as fast as the present Minitel system.

An upgraded Minitel will be equipped with encoded memory cards to enable the user to pay in advance for tickets, goods and other services, just like phoning in a credit-card order. Both the TVR and the Minitel with memory card should be available in 1995.

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Heavier Payloads, Higher Paybacks

continue once its initial phase is completed for Arianespace, the Eu-Boeing, meanwhile, is carrying out its own ropean rocket concern studies of a stretched version of its successful that projects itself as the 747, and Airbus is examining a super jumbo world's first commercial space transport company. To get such an aircraft off the drawing

An Intelsat satellite and two British Defense Ministry payloads were launched June 17 from the Ariane base at Kourou in French Guiana. Then came the American Panamsat-2 and Japan's BS-3N satellites on July 9, the Turksat-1B and Brasilsat B-1 on Aug. 10, and finally the Solidaridad-2 for Mexico and Thailand's Thaicom-2 last

The second half of the year has been a period of recovery for the company. After a successful run of 26 launches, Ariane lost a satellite payload in January when the third stage of a rocket failed at launch.

After five months of investigation and the rectification of problems, Arianespace is back on target to achieve 30

launches from now to 1996. With a launch order book of about 18 billion francs (\$3.4 billion) the company believes that its European investors are getting a good commercial and technological payback. The largest slice of its equity, 56.65 percent, is held by French companies and banks; the largest shareholder is the French national space agency

CNES. Charles Bigot, chief executive of Arianespace, notes that the new Ariane-5 launcher is to come on stream in about 12 months. The company, he says,

is poised to increase its role in space transportation.

Arianespace expects to book about 150 launches from now to 2003, mainly of telecommunications and broadcast satellites. But competition for the launching business, expected to be worth a total of \$15. billion, is strong, coming from U.S. rockets like the Atlas-2, Japan's M-11 launcher, China's Long March rocket and the Proton of Russia.

Arianespace's advantage should grow if, as seems likely. customers seek to place heavier and heavier payloads — of 3.7 to 5 metric tons — into orbit.

Ariane-5, now in its final phase of design development, will be able to exceed this requirement. The 35 billion francprogram is one of the most ambitious and costly aerospace projects ever undertaken outside the United States or Russia.

The design calls for a lowcost cryogenic engine using liquid oxygen and hydrogen. This will allow the Ariane-5's motor to provide 20 percent more thrust than the Ariane-4's Vulcan engine.

Reliability has been a key consideration. Ariane-5 will have just one engine, compared to its predecessor's four first-stage engines. And the new rocket's third-stage engine does not require turbooumps. which have been identified as the cause of a number of past failures.

Ariane-5 will be able to launch satellites of up to 5.9 tons. By 1997 this capacity is due to have been improved to 7.4 tons.

"The new rocket's growth capability," said Mr. Bigot, will allow the development of many higher-performance, more flexible versions, possibly in cooperation with other space powers, giving us a powerful, adaptable launch system

for the next century." The first Ariane-5 test flight is expected to take place next fall. A second flight, the fol-lowing spring, will carry two commercial satellites and a demonstrator version of Europe's future space capsule.

That capsule, the Atmospheric Re-entry Demonstrator, or ARD, is a prototype of a crew transfer vehicle able to transport four astronauts and 400 kilograms (880 pounds) of equipment to a space station.

After almost a full revolution of the Earth and a 15minute re-entry phase, the cone is to be parachuted into the Pacific, in a scene reminiscent of the pre-shuttle U.S. space missions. According to Aerospatiale, lead contractor for the ARD, the return to Earth is expected to be precise within 1 square kilometer (0.38) square mile).

Looking about 20 years ahead. Arianespace is thinking electric car. about an Arianc-6, with a launch vehicle that would be at least partly recoverable.

Robert Bailey

Bull Tries to Climb Back

By Richard E. Smith

ARIS - It's make-orbreak time, yet again. at Bull. But this time it just may be for real. The state-controlled French flagship computer company. long cushioned by some of Europe's most controversial subsidies from the tremors that have shaken the computer industry, is bracing to go cold turkey.

Virtually a new company is rising from the shambles of one that has posted three years of extensive losses. The early signs are promising but subsidies have masked the company's true problems for so long that analysts are not quite sure what is emerging.
"The reshaping of Bull,

which looked like a near impossibility two years ago, is pernaps nearer in sight, but the strategic direction of the company, and its understanding of its own core business, remains still somewhat unclear," said Martin Oertel, an analyst with Dataquest, a market research organization in information technologies.

The key turning point was the decision by the French government to abandon control of Bull as part of its broad privatization campaign.

The state has had a major stake in Bull since 1983 but in the ensuing decade the computer industry underwent olts that tripped up even the hardened private-sector giants. It was hardly surprising that a heavily subsidized behemoth like Bull was even less

In the meantime, Bull had become not only a liability and an embarrassment for the European Commission, which has had to approve the subsidies, but for the French state, which has had to ask for them.

"They have reached the bottom of the barrel in terms of the availability of government funding that is permissible by the European Community," said Ian Macleod, an analyst with Natwest Securi-

The French government. long willing to brave interna-

tional criticism over its subsidies in order to maintain globally sized players in highvisibility industries, has come to the realization that the computer world and its technology no longer can be bound by borders, analysts said. This has made it both more difficult and less relevant to have a national flag-

"At one time, France was interested in having an independent capacity in microelectronics, not only for image reasons but for strategic and defense reasons," said Pierre Boucheny, an analyst with the brokerage Ferri SA in Paris.

"But now microelectronics has become an industry in which marketing is the key. A

The company expects to make an operating profit for 1994.

lot of technology is available to everyone and a lot of Bull's technology is coming from other foreign companies in

Bull looked steadily more expendable as other French companies, like Air France. needed major infusions.

"The point has come where choices have to be made," said Mr. Macleod. "When you look at the comments from the French government, that is very much the message."

The government made its move late last year when Min-ister of Industry Gérard Longuet appointed Jean-Marie Descarpentries as chairman.

Mr. Descarpentries, who engineered creative turnarounds elsewhere in France, has over the last year made mise en tension a buzz phrase in the French tially harder than turning business press, referring to his around results. campaign to subject each of the "Things are o company's operations to a high degree of scrutiny and pressure lenge to convince financial in a bid to shake up bureaucrat- markets that Bull represents ic fiefdoms that had taken form over the previous decade.

Last month he said he would like the government to reduce its stake in the company to a maximum of 10 percent from the current 76 per-

He also forecast that Build would report an operation profit for 1994 and return so net profitability in the second half of 1995. The fact that the company had narrowed its that loss in the first half of 1994 to 843 million French frames (\$160 million) from 1.98 bitlion francs a year earlier gave

"Our turnaround is behilfd us," he said confidently. Analysts are intrigued but

They generally commend the initiatives of Mr. Descarpentries on two major counts: he is not doing the easy thing by simply cutting staff across the board and he is playing to a long-time strength of Bull. the company's openness to co-

Although the staff has been cut significantly worldwide; Mr. Descarpentries has taken particular care to focus on management ranks.

"The new management team rejected the traditional turnaround methods of massive global staff reductions and of immediately halting activities that were losing money since some of those activities are businesses that may be important for the fu-ture," said Mr. Oertel.

Bull has also embarked on a conspicuous string of alliances. In addition to longer-standing links with International Business Machines Corp., NEC Corp. of Japan and France Telecom. the company has forged new accords this year with Motorola Corp. Tandem Computers Inc. and Wang Laboratories Inc.

The real task for Bull is to turn around market sentiment and this may prove substan-

"Things are clearly improving but it will be a major chalan attractive long-term investment," said Mr. Macleod.

Framatome Looks East for Growth

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because it would be impossible to build reactors fast enough to cover their needs, but nuclear power is definitely going to be part of the mix," he said in a Lény said in the interview just

In France itself, Framatome - which became the producer of the standard reactor adopted by France after the 1973-74 energy crisis — is expecting a surge in orders soon, as the state electricity monopoly buys a new generation of improved reactors for its power stations.

Despite this, Framatome now faces a threat from its own government: privatization in practice, a euphemism for selling it to Alcatel Alsthom, France's largest private company, which incorporated GEC, Framatome's smaller rival, before being privatized in

Although Mr. Leny is too loyal to publicly criticize his own main shareholder, he clearly believes Framatome should be left to pursue its own specialty and not be sold —

"As long as this company is

other industrial agenda.

in the hands of investors who want to go on making profits in the nuclear industry, Framatome will be a success," Mr. coming to a head. Government financial ex-

perts contend that Framatome s too small - with 7,000 employees worldwide and annual sales of 17 billion francs - to hold its own in today's global market. Many government industrial strategists in Paris argue that Framatome needs to act more like an ordinary company and that the atom, in a post-Cold War world, is a com-

modity like any other. In addition, Alcatel Aisthom executives contend that Framatome is too small to handle its important joint venture with Siemens AG intended to design an advanced nuclear re-

actor intended for export. Framatome executives insist that they deal on an equal footing with Siemens because they have the technical know-how along with its fat bank account and corporate agility to cope

The privatization threat to Framatome has receded in recent months, partly because

Alcatel Alsthom has had troubles enough of its own, partly because the government wanted to avoid a potentially embarrassing debate ahead of presidential elections next

displeasure at Siemens, which competes directly with Alcatel Alsthom over telephone systems and high-speed trains. It had no wish to see its rival gain a nuclear monopoly.

JOSEPH FITCHETT is on the

Drive for Electric Cars

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electricity. Gasoline for that distance would cost her four or five times as much. She drives the car an average of 30 kilometers a day.

Mr. Bureau, who is the La Rochelle project boss, says 70 percent of the urban driving in La Rochelle comes to less than five kilometers a day.

In environmental terms, the

electric car is the obvious winner over such short distances. Gasoline-powered cars pollute the most when they are cold, before the engine has reached maximum efficiency. But electric cars are efficient from the moment the key is turned. In addition, the electric car is usually recharged at night, during a lull in electricity consumption.

Critics of the electric car point out that the vehicles do pollute, not from a tailpipe. but from the smokestack where the electricity is produced. This is true in countries that rely heavily on fossil fuels for their electric production. In France, however, 90 percent of electricity is produced at either nuclear or hydroelectric plants, making the country ideal, in terms of air pollution, for the

Where the planned French models fall short is in their range. But, as Mr. Bureau asserts, "The electric car is an urban vehicle."

And as for price: "Our goal," Mr. Bureau says, "is to sell an electric car for the same price as the corresponding gaspowered model — without the battery, that is."

This would put it at about 60,000 francs, plus \$100 a month for the battery.

"The sticking point for the electric car is the battery," said Laurent Bernard, Renault's electric-car project director. "All the other parts we know how to make because of our experience with gas-powered cars. But the battery is the problem."

Renault and Peugeot-Citroën both use nickel cadmium batteries manufactured by Saft SA, a unit of Alcatel Alsthorn SA, the French electrical-engineering concern. Each electric car is fitted with a battery that weighs a startling 250 kilograms. Both car manufacturers are offering to lease the bat-tery, which, if bought, would significantly raise the price of the vehicles.

"As batteries evolve," said Mr. Barber of the U.S. Energy Department, "you have the option of putting the same mass battery in and getting greater range or reducing the battery mass and accepting the range you have. Those are the trade-

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cess is often attributed to a quasi-missionary corporate culture that could never be sustained in an ordinary big busi-"This is not a regular com-

high-tech sector. Even though

Framatone does not handle

any military projects, its suc-

mercial market, we are not Renault or Bull competing in a consumer market," a Framutome executive said.

The delay also defused the

staff of the International Herald Tribune.

Auto's Silence Poses a Danger

ARIS — Drivers of electric cars have noticed a problem

have been overlooked on

that could easily

the test circuit: the cars' si-Ray Hutton of Car & Driver magazine, who testdrove a Citroën AX Electrique in La Rochelle, wrote that the car was so quiet that "regular use of the horn was needed to avoid collisions with unsuspecting pedestrians in the town's center."

Peugeot Citroën says it plans to install a "buzzer" in its new electric models. complementing the existing horn, which it says is too loud for city driving.

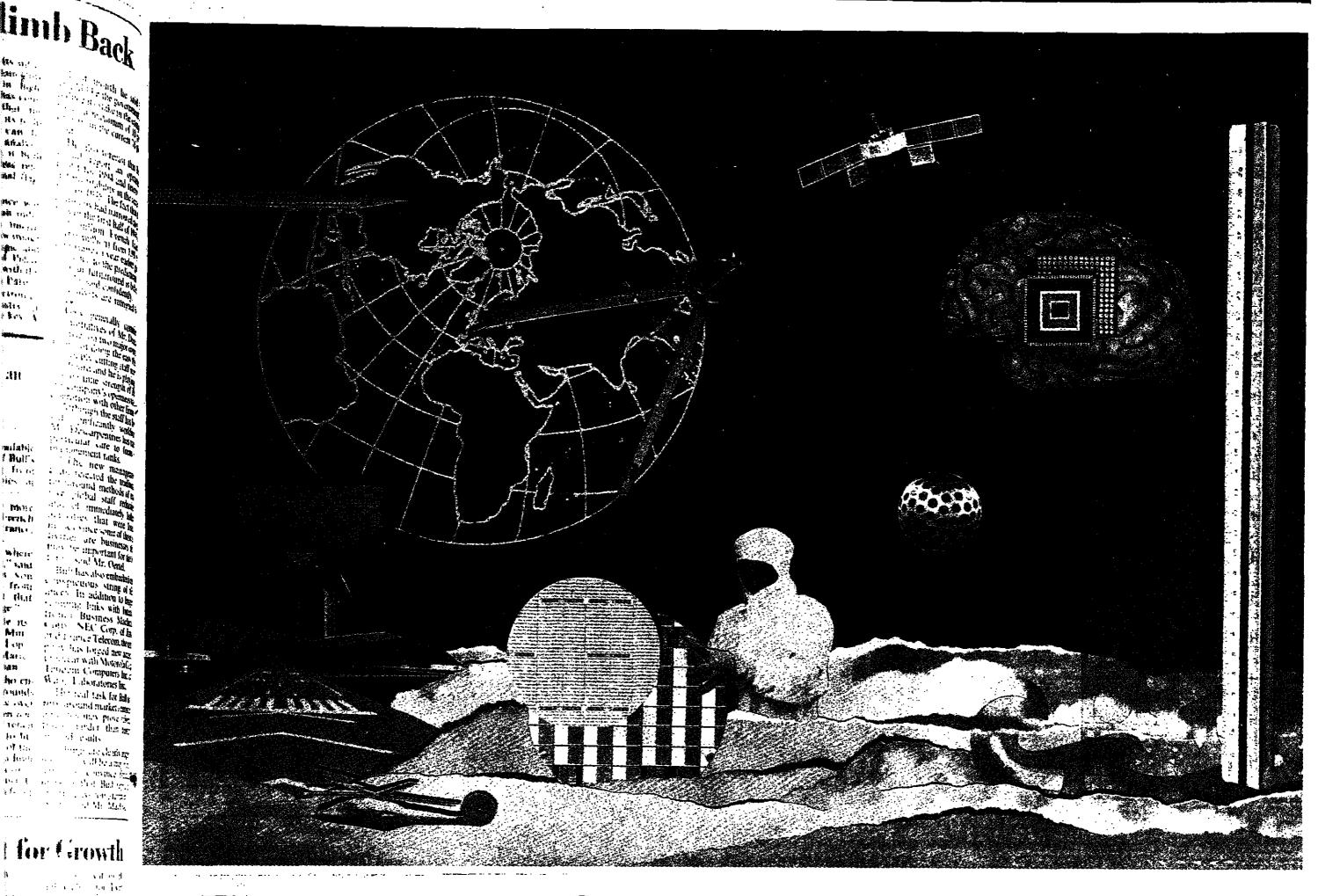
But silence, says Noël Bureau, head of the La Rochelle project, has its advantages: "We've found that people who drive the electric car are much more aware of pedestrians,"

Chantal Vetter, one of the La Rochelle residents who rents a Peugeot 106 Electrique, agrees. "I was surprised to see that my reactions were far more courteous than before," she said. "Like letting pedestrians cross in front of me. Things like that, without even thinking about it."

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SPORTS

Vikings' Vets Trip Up Green Giants, 27-10

EAST RUTHERFORD, New Jersey -Anthony Parker and Warren Moon showed prize prospect, Dave Brown, that he still has a lot to learn about life in the National Football League.

After Brown engineered a 94-yard drive that sent the New York Giants into halftime with a tie, Parker struck four plays into the third quarter, returning an interception 44 yards for a touchdown that led to the Minnesota Vikings to a 27-10 victory on Monday night.

Moon, with 154 NFL starts to Brown's five, was 23-of-34 for 299 yards and a touchdown pass, picking apart the New York defense with the precision that Brown has yet to learn. Qadry Ismail caught seven of those passes for 117 yards.

"I knew the minute I stepped in and intercepted it that I was going to score," Parker said.

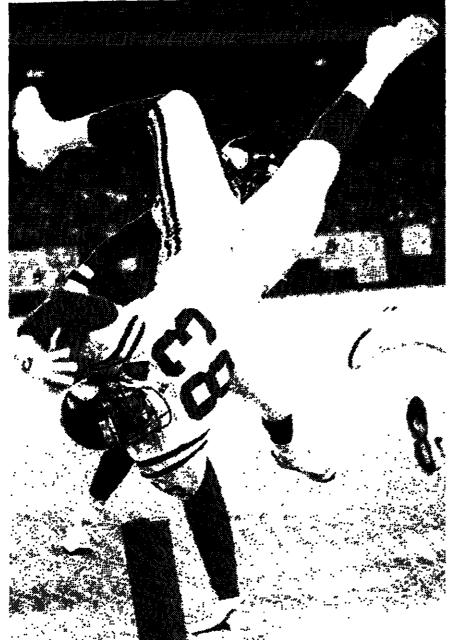
The interception came after Brown, who also had a ball picked off that set up Minnesota's first touchdown had tied the score at 10 with a three-yard run that capped a drive that began on the Giants' 6-yard-line with 1:27 left in the first half. It alone demonstrated why the Giants

decided to give him their starting job and release veteran Phil Simms. Brown was 6for-8 for 91 yards in the drive. But on New York's first series of the second half, his inexperience showed

when, without looking, he passed into the flat and hit Parker perfectly in stride. Moon threw to Cris Carter for a 20-yard TD late in the period to make it 24-10.

with three interceptions. Minnesota remained tied with Chicago atop the NFC Central. The Giants, on the night when Lawrence Taylor's "56" jersey was retired, lost their second straight.

Brown finished 18-for-36 for 226 yards,



Tight end Andrew Jordan was upended before he could score for the Vikings: his luck. Never did he make such a hash of

A Wacky World Between the Posts

ONDON - The world is a funny old place in which to make a living, and soccer reflects its peculiarities to a tee. Take the case of two World Cup goalkeepers, Claudio Taffarel of Brazil and Packie Bonner of Ireland.

As experienced sportsmen, they know the loneliness and the vicariousness of hanging around between the goalposts. But who would believe that Taffarel, a World Cup winner barely three months ago, would today have no team to play for? Or that Bonner, whose calamitous error ended his nation's participation in the same World

Cup, would be honored with the cap-

taincy of Ireland for its European Championship qualifying match against Lichtenstein in Dublin on Wednesday.

Taffarel is 28, the prime of goalkeeping life. He went about his work with unruffled reliability at the World Cup, generally unheralded for maintaining the last line of defense while Romario and Bebeto got the

plaudits for shooting Brazil to the title.

He then returned to Italy, where his club, Parma, pays his wages but does not need his services. In fact, in the final year of his contract, Parma told Taffarel not to even bother joining in its training sessions. So Taffarel keeps trim training with Reg-giana, the club which employed him on loan last season but also, for the moment. has no place for his talents.

Hungry for action, he turns out for a church team in the northern town of Reggio Emilia. But Taffarel is too much of a sportsman to keep goal for the bretheren. "It wouldn't be fair to the other teams," he said, "for me to play as a goalkeeper."

Taffarel, a proud and decent human being, is being treated as a pawn in the Italian game of acquiring more imported chattel than can be fielded, and so is wasting his talent.

Bonner, meanwhile, can scarcely believe

trying to save a shot as he did against the Netherlands at the World Cup. And he, like Taffarel, returned to club soccer to be told he was surplus. Glasgow Celtic appears to think that, at 34, Bonner has had his day. How, then, could Ireland recall him and honor him so?

Alan Kelly, the younger Irish goalkeeper who expects to replace Bonner, broke a finger, an everyday mishap in the trade. That opened the door for Bonner, for the older man's 78th time between the posts for Ireland. And the captaincy?

"It's just a fantastic honor," said Bon-

Fantastic indeed. It came about when Jack Charlton, Ireland's impulsive team manager, was musing in the bar of a Dub-lin hotel the other day. He was asked by journalists who would lead the team in the absence of the regular skipper, the injured Andy Townsend.

"Until you mentioned it," Charlton replied, "I hadn't given it a thought."

The group got to listing Ireland's most experienced campaigners. Paul McGrath, suggested the journalists. "It won't be him." responded Bira look.

him," responded Big Jack. McGrath is a lovely feller, a walking miracle on knee joints that for years have been too crippled to permit him any training. He is a leader by example, but he is partial to Guinness and has a habit of going AWOL when the team needs him

Someone then mentioned Bonner. "Aye, we'll give it to Packie," said Charlton.
"That will be nice."

TN THE EXPOSED WORLD which Taffarel and Bonner inhabit there are not too many managers who think of nice gestures. Not many are relaxed enough, fulfilled enough, in a position to be human enough to forgive the mistake of a goal-keeper which betrayed the effort and the aspiration of a World Cup.

But speaking of forgiveness, England on Wednesday takes the field in a friendly

match against Romania. It offers two examples of being able to forgive if not entirely forget past deeds.

Captaining England for the first time in his career is the Arsenal defender Tony Adams. He, as every newspaper has not failed to mention, is the first man ever to lead England out at Wembley after serving

Adams's crime was drunk-driving. His car mounted a pedestrian sidewalk and hit a wall four years ago while he was three times over the legal alcohol limit. He did his time, served 57 nights in custody, and by his own admission was kept awake on some of them fearing England's elders on

patriot and an upright example of the winning ethic, would be granted the highest honor in the English game.

earned him promotion from colonel to general in the Romanian Army, humor-ously wonders how much forgiveness there is in Venables's heart. "I think Terry Venables will remember me," Irodanescu said with a smile.

They met in 1986, when Steaua Bucha-"I became assistant coach with Steaua,"

"I don't know about Terry Venables, but their players were certainly surprised when a few weeks later I took off my suit

The wily Romanian, a late substitute, helped deny Venables's team and thus frustrated the Englishman's career with

It is a small, and strange, world. Rob Highes is on the staff of The Times.

SCOREBOARD

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Asian Games

BASEBALL

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FIELD HOCKEY

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Dovid Wood, forwards. Announced sale of the learn to Christopher Cahan, effective January leam to Circumstate Continue to the NBA's Board of Governors.

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Robert Werdonn, Commers, and Siepmen Thompson, guard.

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SAN ANTONIO-Released Demetrius Colip and Matt Offick, guards. SEATTLE—Signed Shown Kemp, forward.

a jail sentence.

the Football Association might never allow him to wear the white shirt again. Not only did they relent, they uttered not a murmur when Terry Venables, the England coach, announced that Adams, a

F ORGIVE AND FORGET. Anghel Irodanescu, the Romanian coach whose World Cup success this summer

rest beat Barcelona on a penalty shootout in the European Cup final. Venables was coach at Barcelona, Iordanescu was a retired midfielder, or so Venables thought recalls Iordanesco, "and was sent to spy on Barcelona before our clubs met in the

and put on my playing shirt against them."

Barcelona.

SIDELINES

NHL's Board Assessing Players' New Proposal

NEW YORK (AP) - The NHL's board of governors was meeting Tuesday with Commis-sioner Gary Bettman to assess the latest contract proposal from the players union.

The governors were expected to determine if the NHL can open its season on Saturday, Bettman's targeted restart date.

Frank McGuire Dies; Coach of '57 Champion

COLUMBIA, South Carolina (AP) - Frank McGuire, who took two different school to the NCAA championship game and helped bring big-time basketball to the South, died at his home Tuesday after a long illness following a stroke. He was 80 years old.

McGuire coached North Carolina to the NCAA chame onship in 1957, beating Wilt Chamberlain's Kansas team in triple overtime, 54-53. He had taken St. John's to the 1952 championship game, but the Redmen lost to Kansas, 80-63.

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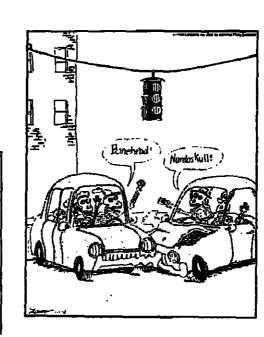




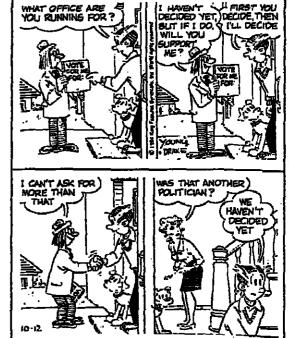




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By Samuel Abt

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others, which explains why Mi-

guel Indurain was trying to re-

He had just seen the route for

the next Tour, and it appears to

be tailored for him as he seeks

to become the first rider to win

the world's greatest bicycle race

ers," Indurain said. "A com-plete rider will win." Who is the

most complete rider around, a

man who can climb with the

best and time-trial better than

The crowd of several thou-

sand at the Palais des Congrès

agreed with his judgment that

anybody? Big Mig, of course.

"It's not a race just for climb-

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PARIS - No Tours de France

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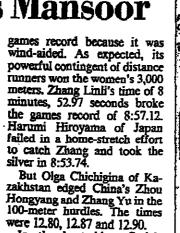
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Barcelona beiere out clubs mi Ryan Han Wui Tan, the Asian champion, was Malay-sia's 14-year-old champion in but their parers were certained when a few weeks later I look of Optimist Class yachting. Except for a seventh-place finish in the last of seven races, he finished no lower than third. The worst race does not count in a competitor's total score.

helped dens Venabless teag meatraled the lucishmen's an Mansoor and his rivals went through five false starts before completing their 100-meter sprint. He won in 10.18 seconds, beating the 4-year-old games mark of 10.30 and finishing comfortably ahead of Kazakhstan's Vitali Savin, who took the silver in 10.29.

Japan's Shunji Karube beat teammate Yoshihiko Saito in a photo finish in the men's 400meter hurdles. Both were timed NIW YORK 145 in 49.13, beating the 8-year-old games record of 49.31.

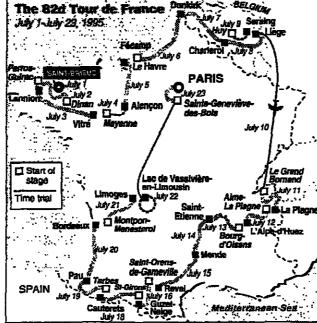
China's only men's victory came in the long jump, and the long jump, and the long jump, and Huang Geng's winning 27 feet, 4½ inches didn't count as a Talai Mansoor, after five false starts, won easily, then said he was retiring.



In the heptathlon, Syria's

Ghada piled up 6,360 points.

beating the games record of 6,231. China's Zhang Xiaohui was second with 5,800.



U.S. to Host France in Davis Cup

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malet, all part of the legendary "Circle of Death" in the Pyreness.

All the other mountain stages

are, at their toughest, standard

Tour fare.
Excluding the short pro-

LONDON - The United 2-4. States was drawn Tuesday to host 1995 Davis Cup, matching up the two teams that played for the championship three years ago.

The draw matched the other top seed, Germany, against Croatia, which will be making its first appearance in the 16-nation World

Group. The first-round matches will be played Feb. 3-5.

The draw also sent the Canadian team to Haiti in the first round of regional play in the American Zone's Group 2, also set for Feb.

The last time the United States and France met, in 1991 in Lyon, Guy Forget and Henri Leconte led the French to a 3-1 victory and the title. The Americans rebounded to beat Switzerland in the champiouship match the following year.

The United States and Germany were made the top seeds by the Davis Cup Committee despite their defeats in last month's semifinals. Russia, which beat Germany, and Sweden, which defeated the United States will meet at Moscow's Olympic Stadium in

day 6:30 pm - 10 pm.

Russia and Sweden were made France in the first round of the the joint third seeds, and both drew away matches for next year's first round. Russia will visit Belgium, while Sweden drew Denmark for its opening round match for the second consecutive year. Sweden won this year's encounter 5-0 at home.

South Africa, making its first appearance in the World Group since 1978, drew an openinground home match against Australia. South Africa was readmitted to the competition in 1992, and has steadily worked its way up through regional play to qualify for the top group.

The other first round pairings in the World Group are the Czech Republic at Italy, Spain at Austria and the Netherlands at Switzer-

The bost nation for each match is the team that played away the last time the two countries met, unless the last meeting was prior to 1970. If the last meeting was earlier, or if the teams have never met. the choice of ground was determined by lot. Haiti won promotion from the

this year's championship on Dec. American Zone's Group 3 this year, and its match with Canada was determined by lot. The piece of paper drawn from the bowl favored the Carribbean nation.

'95 Tour: Tailor-Made for Indurain

the winner would have to be tances," he said. Sitting near

spend two days in the Alps and won the last four Tours by

those stages can be considered time trial, staying with his op-

18, which comprises six big into collapse in the mountains

logue, the two individual time of northern Brittany, with 20

trials play into Indurain's teams of nine riders each, one

first, the eighth stage on July 9. A team time trial of 64 kilowill cover 54 kilometers (34 meters is scheduled for the third

miles), and the second, the 19th stage, July 4. Moving clockwise

stage, on July 22, 46 kilometers. around France and spending "I'm happy with those dis-

strength over the long haul. The team fewer than this year.

sourde, the Aspin and the Tour- second time trial.

Although the 82d Tour will less pleased. The Spaniard has

him, some of his rivals looked

On paper, nothing looks to

be standing in his way. The

1995 Tour is not overly imagi-

native or challenging.
It will start July 1 in St. Brieuc, a city in the Côtes d'Armor region

A record 115 nations have entered the 1995 competition, including newcomers Bermuda, Macedonia, Moldova, Ethiopia, Kazakhstan and a team, representng several island nations, to be called Pacific Oceania.

Also readmitted was Yugosla via, following the lifting of U.N. sanctions last week on sporting contacts with the Balkan nation. Yugoslavia and the six new countries will all begin play at the bottom, in Group 3 of regional play. One nation, Djibouti, was

dropped from the list of participating nations after it did not enter its credentials on time, and lraq's application for readmission was refused because of ongoing U.N. sanctions.

To subscribe in Switzerland

the Pyrenees before it ends in Paris on July 23,

The race will be considerably three in the Pyrenees, just one of building a big lead in the first shorter than usual, about 3,500 kilometers, or 500 less than this

extraordinary: the 15th, on July ponents as they rode each other year. "Overall it will be much easiclimbs. They include the Peyre and then holding his lead in the source, the Aspin and the Toursecond time trial.

Legeay, the directeur sportif of the Gan team, based in France. 'Shorter, two rest days, moun-

tains no worse than usual." He said he thought the profile would benefit his team leader, Chris Boardman, Entering his second year as a professional after a record-setting career on the track, the Briton is still learning how to deal with a long

and mountainous stage race. Jean-Luc Vandenbroucke, the directeur sportif of the Lotto team from Belgium, agreed with Legeay. "Definitely easier," he said. "With 500 kilometers dropped out, the riders will not have to work as hard,"

Although that was also the feeling of Jim Ochowicz, general manager of the Motorola team from the United States, his directeur sportif, Hennie Kuiper, was one of the few who thought the

race would be harder than usual. "The riders go right into the Alps after the time trial," Kuiper noted. "That might cause trouble."

After the time trial, from Huy to Liège in Belgium, the pack will spend the next day flying to the Alps and then resting before setting off on July 11 over three climbs on the way to the resort of La Plagne, 1,800 meters (5,900 feet) up. The day after, three more climbs lead to Alpe d'Huez, 1,860 meters high.

Stephen Roche, the Irishman who won the Tour in 1987 and is now retired, pointed out another big difficulty. The stage in Belgium the day before the time trial will be a miniature Liège-Bastogne-Liège," he said. At least five of the hills in that demanding classic will be part of the stage.

Beyond that, there seem to be no booby traps. "The course reminds me of

looking untroubled. He won

that Tour easily, of course.

just call, tall free, the 1993 one," said Indurain. 155 57 57

Fore Warning: Next Great Leap Forward Will Be in Golf

future." Cui Zhiqiang, secretary-general of the China Golf Association said Tuesday. "It's a sport with potential."

Cui was at the Asian Games where his women's team beat out Japan for a bronze medal and his top men's player, Zhang Lianwei, shot 3 under par over four rounds to win a silver in the individual event.

VIRGINIA WATER, Eng-

land - Defending champion

Corey Pavin was made the top

seed Tuesday and given a first-round bye in the draw for the

pionship, which starts Thursday at Wentworth.

Pavin, ranked No. 9 in the

world, will play the winner of the first-round match between

No. 8 seed Vijay Singh and

Jesper Parnevik.
Coming off a victory last weekend at the Tokai Classic in

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1994 World Match Play Cham-

"This is just the beginning," Cui said. HIROSHIMA, Japan - If you're tired The sport was opened up to Chinese of hearing about Chinese swimming and track stars, you will not be happy to hear they've taken up golf.

"I think in China, golf has a very good think in China, golf has a very golf has a very gold high think in China, golf has a very gold has a very gold has a very gold has a very gold high think in China, golf has a very gold high think in China, golf has a very gold high think in China, golf has a very gold high think in China, golf has a very gold a group of 10 boys, aged 16 to 18, for three years of golf training at a course in Shiga

Prefecture in western Japan. Those 10 are leading what Cui said will be a professional boom that has left China scrambling to train officials to run courses, tournaments and training programs. "We have only 10 golf courses now but 60 are

Pavin Is Top-Seeded for World Match Play Golf

first round last year.

Ballesteros, who shares the

record of five World Match

was invited to this year's event only after the withdrawal of

seeded No. 6, who routed the

Spanjard, 7 and 6, last year.

planned or under construction," he said. Cui has set his sights on getting a player

Professional tournaments have already been held in China and next month the \$1.2 million World Cup will be held in Shenzhen, Guangdong Province, just across the border from Hong Kong.

The China Professional Golf Tour starts next year and will have four stops, the biggest a \$400,000 tournament in Beijing.

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The other first-round pairing

Each match consists of 36

against Brad Faxon of the Unit-

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Saturday and the championship

Seve Ballesteros, who was peat involves No. 5 seed Colin originally omitted from the 12-Montgomerie, the leading mon-

player field for the first time ey winner on the European since 1976, will face the same PGA Tour, against Yoshinori opponent that ousted him in the Mizumaki. Montgomerie won

Play titles with Gary Player, pits No. 7 seed Ian Woosnam

American John Daly. Ballesteros will face David Frost, holes. The second round will be

Another opening round re- match on Sunday.

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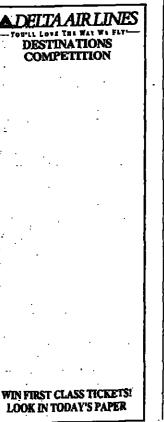
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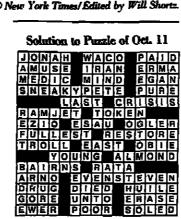
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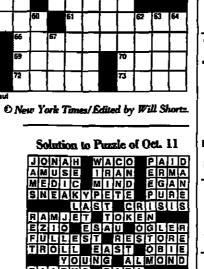
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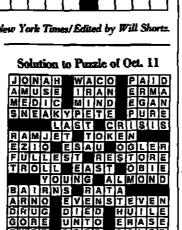
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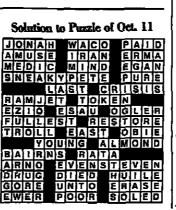
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Tale of Common Scents

By Russell Baker
NEW YORK — The death
of Harriet Nelson of "The

Adventures of Ozzie and Harrithe desk. In this basket weird letters and clippings from old magazines and newspapers gather mold while waiting to make themselves useful.

The search produced — Aha! Knew it was there! - a science story ripped out of the March 1992 issue of Harper's magazine. The title: "Scenting a Generaof smell to evoke nostalgia.

A consumer research study by Dr. Alan Hirsch asked 989 people, "What odor causes you to become nostalgic?" People born in the 1920s, 1930s and 1940s alized family. Like most movies said: Pine, roses, hot chocolate, of their time, they existed to fish, lilies, manure, honeysuckle, violets, attics, Cracker Jack, baking bread, soap, figs, cut grass, blueberries, cinnamon, ocean air, meadows, hay, clover, petunias, tweed, meatballs, split-pea come dysfunctional. soup, fresh air and burning

Those born in the 1960s and 1970s said the smells that made them nostalgic were: Play-Doh, chlorine, crayons, rubber fish bait, marijuana, tuna casserole, Downy fabric softener, dirt, smoke, airplane fuel, disinfectant, refineries, motor oil, tacos, SweeTARTS, Cocoa Puffs, urine, garbage, Windex, hair spray, plastic, ferns, old socks, dog waste, baby aspirin, feet, mothballs, exhaust, mosquito repellent, factories, nail polish, enchiladas, candy cigarettes, suntan oil, scented Magic Markers and burning tires.

I cite his work only to prove that one generation's pine, cinnamon and roses is another generation's urine, garbage and old socks. There is no explanation why the study omitted odors that stimulate nostalgia pendence. among people born in the

1950s, which brings us back to Harriet Nelson.

My guess is that 1950s people were so busy inhaling television et" sent me rooting through the that they had no space left over Basket of Great Ideas here on for smelling. 1950s people seem unique in their devotion to the memory of TV sitcoms of their pubescent years. Members of the "Ozzie and Harriet" family still seem to them like real people they once knew well.

I confess to having never seen the Cleavers of "Leave It to Beaver" on television, nor "The Adventures of Ozzie and Harrition Gap," It's about the power et" for that matter. By the time they came along, however, I had seen a great many Andy Hardy

> These were simple-minded fictions about a ludicrously idehelp people escape the mean realities of the 1930s and 1940s, when the aggravations of poverty and war intensified the family's natural tendency to be-

Few sensible persons, least of all the children growing up in the Depression and war years, mistook the Hardy family for a real-life possibility or felt nostalgic afterward for the bogus world the Hardys inhabited.

Yet immediately after World War II there was indeed a tendency for mom and dad and their two and a half children to flee town and hunker down as a lonely self-contained unit in suburbs, like the sitcom fam-

The explanation does not encourage sentimentality. The postwar booms in housing and good jobs combined to let people escape cramped and dependent prewar lives which had tied them to extended families they were tired of. What the sitcoms idealized was an unrealistic dream of escape to inde-

New York Times Service

The Japanese Everyman

By Carol Lutfy

NEW YORK — "I'm famous for being a boring interview," Issey Ogata, the wildly popular Japanese actor and satirist, announces as he sits down to a beer with a journalist. "I have nothing of importance to

The self-introduction, though pre-dictably self-effacing, is no joke. One of Japan's funniest, most expressive men on stage may be one of the least forthcoming in real life. Hard-working, hard-drinking and slow-talking. the Tokyo-based award-winning performer is, unexpectedly, a lot like the stifled characters he portrays.

At 42, Ogata is known throughout Japan for his side-splitting, heartwrenching interpretations of the overwrought Japanese everyman. With one-man shows, like "Nonstop Life" and "A Catalogue of City Life," he has built a national reputation in a country where comedy has a marginal following.

He has been performing "Catalogue" in Paris, Munich and New York, where he played to sold-out you look like."

audiences at the Japan Society. He has 14 videos in circulation, makes regular appearances in films and on prime-time television programs, and does about 50 live performances in Japan a year.
Ogata's skits are populated with

upstanding citizens who have been pushed too far, squeezed too hard. crammed once too often in a jam-packed subway car. It is a world in which people, teetering on the verge of revolt, divorce, defiance, chicken out, a culture of exasperated salarymen suffering from too much booze. lack of sleep and not enough fun. Since 1984, Ogata has been devel-

oping a collage of 300 characters for "Catalogue," which he created with the director Yuzo Morita, his collaborator of 23 years. "The starting point for the show is that there is no such thing as individuality in Japan,"
Morita says. "Japanese act according
to their rank in society. Whether you are a section chief or an assistant section chief completely determines



Issey Ogata: skits about people who have been pushed too far.

A blend of Robin Williams, Eric Bogosian and Lily Tomlin, Ogata's humor dares to question the social conditions that have created this tragicomic state of affairs. He por-trays, for example, a haggard office worker who goes to a parking lot to meet a client and forgets why he came, what he does, who he is. After finally getting his wits about him, he begs to lose them again.

We also meet a bankrupt middleaged company president-turned-construction worker who retains the pompous elocution of his former life. A symbol that Japan's era of overspending is still alive, he brags to his co-workers, "A man is only as big as his debt."

Ogata has never held a white-collar job. He gets his inspiration, he says, from observation. He is unfamiliar with Williams and Bogosian, but he admires Woody Allen. "I'm a fan of the wacky early works, but I hate the serious ones," he says.

Like so many art forms, theater and comedy in Japan are run largely through an iemoto system in which one studies under a master with the intent of learning, but never altering, his technique. Ogata and Morita have stayed clear of this kind of stylistic inbreeding. But because they function outside the system, they are relegated to off-Broadway-style theaters with limited access to funding and publicity.

Such built-in hardship has inhibited talented performers from trying to develop their own styles, Morita says. "What you get instead is an incredibly low level of slapstick humor where comedians get laughs by making fools of themselves," he says. "I think that many people would like to do the same kind of humor as Ogata, but they are afraid of being

To meet Ogata is to find it difficult to think of him as a renegade. Small and slim, he is in many ways a caricature of his characters: a man who says he spends his free time "waiting for more work" and who returned a day early from a recent two-day trip with his wife to the resort town of Hakone because "there was nothing

Ogata in a scene from his "Catalogue of City Life."

Born in Kyushu, Ogata moved of-ten as a child because of his father's come involved in the underground work. As far back as he can remem- theater that was flourishing at the ber, he says that he was funny. And time in Japan. he developed his humor as a way to avoid the inevitable bullying that came every time he changed schools. "I learned that if I could make the

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He chose theater, joining live Gekijo in Tokyo when he was 19. It was there that he met Morita and that the "I learned that if I could make the tough guys in the class laugh," he recalls, "they would let me hang and Beckett," Ogata recalls. "We never dreamed of doing comedy." two began their collaboration. Back

trance exam in the early 1970s, Ogata Carol Lutty is a Tokyo-based free-had, by his own account, three lance journalist who specializes in the Carol Luty is a Tokyo-based free-

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Queen Noor of Jordan and Cincinnati Art museum officials unveiled a symbolic rejoining of two halves of a sculpture split by an earthquake in the Middle East 1,500 years ago. The Zodiac Tyche remains apart -half is in Jordan's National Archaeological Museum in Amman and half is in the Cincinnati museum. But plaster casts have



Queen Noor of Jordan.

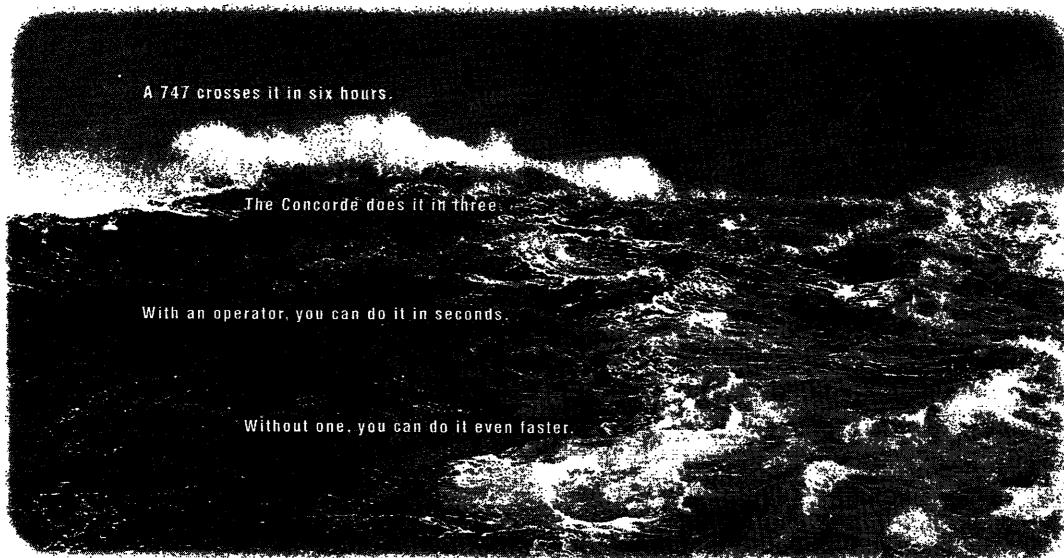
been exchanged, allowing the sculpture to be displayed as if whole.

Revenge on the big screen? Woody Allen is considering making a movie about his child custody battle with Mia Farrow, according to Douglas McGrath, Allen's writ-

ing partner on his new movie, "Bullets Over after all appeals over custody are resolved. McGrath said in an article in New York magazine. Allen also wants to see what Farrow says in her forthcoming book.

Ivana Trump, the former wife of Donald Trump, has celebrated her engagement to the Italian engineer Riccardo Mazzucchelli with a party for 120 friends at a British mansion. The £60,000 (\$95,000) party was attended by the actress Britt Ekland, the arms dealer Adnan Khashoggi and the British tycoon Richard Branson.

Amy Tan isn't an expert on immigramost-favored-nation trade status, the future of Hong Kong after 1997 or Chinese cooking. The acclaimed author of "The Joy Luck Club" and "The Kitchen God's Wife" doesn't want to be boxed in as an Asian-American writer. "Why is it so hard to break out of this literary ghetto?" she asked on a tour to promote her new children's book, "The Chinese Siamese Cat."



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